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President Clinton and Vice President Gore met with members of Congress and civil rights leaders to underscore the Administration's strong support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Herb Moses, Dir. of Housing Impact, Federal National Mortgage Association;Congressman Barney Frank, Elizabeth Birch, Human Rights Campaign; Senator Edward Kennedy; Senator Joseph Lieberman; Dr. Dorothy Height; Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; Wade Henderson , Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; and Vice President Gore.

President Supports Employment Non-Discrimination Act

Today, Vice President Gore and I met with a bipartisan delegation from Congress, representing the lead House and Senate sponsors of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act ("ENDA")--an important piece of civil rights legislation which would extend basic employment discrimination protections to gay and lesbian Americans. At our meeting, I underscored my strong support of the bill, which will soon be re-introduced in Congress, and our intention to work hard for its passage.

As I said in my State of the Union address this January, we must never, ever believe that our diversity is a weakness, for it is our greatest strength. People on every continent can look to us and see the reflection of their own great potential--and they always will, as long as we strive to give all of our citizens an opportunity to achieve their own greatness. We're not there yet--and that is why ENDA is so important. It is about he right of each individual in America to be judged on their merits and abilities and to be allowed to contribute to society without facing unfair discrimination on account of sexual orientation. It is about our ongoing fight against bigotry and intolerance, in our country and in our hearts.

I applaud the bi-partisan efforts of Senators Jeffords, Kennedy and Lieberman and Congressmen Shays and Frank to make the Employment Non-Discrimination Act the law. I also thank the members of the Human Rights Campaign and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, whose executive directors joined in our meeting, for their early support and hard work on behalf of this bill. It failed to win passage by only one vote in the Senate last year. My Administration worked hard for its passage then and we will continue our efforts until it becomes law.

Discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation is currently legal in 41 states. Most Americans don't know that men and women in those states may be fired from their jobs solely because of their sexual orientation, even when it has no bearing on their job performance. Those who face this kind of job discrimination have no legal recourse, in either our state or federal courts. This is wrong.

Individuals should not be denied a job on the basis of something that has no relationship to their ability to perform their work. Sadly, as the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee has documented during hearings held in the last Congress, this kind of job discrimination is not rare.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act is careful to apply certain exemptions. It provides an exemption for small businesses, the Armed Forces, and religious organizations, including schools and other educational institutions that are substantially controlled or supported by religious organizations. This later provision respects the deeply held religious beliefs of many Americans. The bill specifically prohibits preferential treatment on the basis of sexual orientation, including quotas. It does not require employers to provide special benefits.

As I indicated when I originally announced my support of this legislation in October of 1995, the bill in its current form appears to answer all the legitimate objections previously raised against it, while ensuring that Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation, can find and keep their jobs based on their ability and the quality of their work. It is designed to protect the rights of all Americans to participate in the job market without fear of unfair discrimination. I support it and I urge all Americans to do so. And I urge Congress to pass it expeditiously.▼

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Advertisers Pulled from Ellen Show

Dear Editor,

This is a copy of the letter we have just sent to Chrysler Corp. Other products advertising pulled from the Ellen Show were: Wendy's International, Box 256, Dublin, OH 43107. General Motors Corp., 3044 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202, Attn: John F. Smith, Chair. Johnson & Johnson, 1 Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 09883.

Attn: Robert J. Eaton, Pres & CEO
Chrysler Corp.
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Auburn Hills, MI 48236

Dear Mr. Eaton,

This year we purchased a 1996 Chrysler LHS from Elk Grove Chrysler Plymouth here in the Sacramento area. Our previous automobile was a Lincoln Towncar. We have been very pleased with the LHS--both in performance and in features--however if we had the opportunity to do it over we would not purchase this vehicle.

We are a lesbian couple in the Sacramento area. I (Freda) am the pastor of the River City Metropolitan Community Church--a Christian Church with an outreach into the gay and lesbian community in Sacramento. I received the 1996 Woman of the Year Award from the California State Assembly for the work I have done over the years in the area of Human Rights. May partner of 24 years, Kathleen Meadows, is the producer of our TV show: "Just As I Am," which appears every Sunday morning on FOX channel 40 in the Sacramento area.

We are now ashamed to be seen driving a Chrysler in this community.

I do not understand what gain you may have envisioned by your public and prominent withdrawal of advertising from the Ellen show where she tries with sensitivity and understanding (and great courage) to face a truth that so many of us have had to face. I do understand that someone in Chrysler must have made a marketing decision about the value of the gay and lesbian community--their truth and dignity and self-worth. I believe it was a wrong and tragic decision for Chrysler to make.

Sincerely Yours,
Freda Smith and
Kathleen Meadows

J.C. Pennys Wasn't Out With Ellen!

The following letter was sent to J.C. Pennys by Marsha Swayze of the Lambda Center.

Dear Mr. Harrison,

Thank you for having Invited the Lambda Center Community Center to participate in the first annual Charity event, "Have A Heart", and for the check based on ticket sales. However, by excepting your check we at The Center would be sending a mixed message to the Gay & Lesbian Community. Although your store welcomed us into your event that is not the message that our community has gotten from your corporate offices. By pulling out your advertisement durring the "Ellen Coming Out" episode the main corporate Structure of J.C. Penny has shown America and the world that they have bought into the bigotry and hate- mongering of the extremist. We enjoyed working with your store and it's personnel during the "Have a Heart" campaign but we can not in all good conscience support an organization whose main corporation promotes this kind of hate and bigotry. What ever the reasoning behind Penny's corporate decision the executives of your company must realize that there are consequences to every action. As in early civil rights issues it has never been a wise decision to understimate a minority.

Most Respectfully,
Marsha Swayze,
Administrative Director,
Lambda Community Center

Out Magazine Responds

Dear M. Burlingame-Couk:

Regarding your April 15 column, I must register my strong disagreement. I firmly believe that gay and lesbian people discovered *Sandra Bernhard* and *Nick at Nite* and put them on pedestals *before* heterosexuals knew they existed, rather than the other way around.

Some of the other things that gay and lesbian people don't do, if you judge only by the advertisers in the national gay and/or lesbian press: We don't eat any packaged, frozen, processed, dessert, or snack foods; we don't feed our pets; we don't buy most brands of automobiles; we don't drink soft drinks (except for bottled waters); we don't use soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, or other cleaning supplies; we don't by appliances, large or small, whether vacuums or cake mixers (but, of course, we don't buy cake mix); we don't buy toys for our children or mutual funds for our retirement; and we don't buy houses. I could go on, I suppose, but the point is, while all of us gay and lesbian consumers in our 20s and 30s and 40s and 50s and 60s and beyond may *feel* like we've been around for decades, as a market for advertisers, we're mere toddlers. *Out* magazine, which is chiefly responsible for breaking into markets such as fashion, running shoes, accessories, automobiles (now and again), electronics, and finance, turns five years old this June. To use another growing-up analogy: If we took advertisers back to school when we launched in 1992 as the first gay and lesbian magazine to target national accounts, they're just now graduating the fifth grade, so there's still a lot for them to learn about us. I think they're learning, and here's the lesson WE need to learn: The more people who identify themselves openly as gay or lesbian where and when they spend their money, and the more who support the gay press (whether your publication or ours or both), and the more who complain and change their spending habits when mainstream advertisers desert a show like *Ellen* because of its content (any other excuse they offer is bullshit), then the more evidence we will all have of the power of the gay dollar in every area of life. Advertising is not a reflection of what the gay community looks like, it's a reflection of who's looking at the gay and lesbian community--and seeing dollar signs. Giving "the benefit of the doubt" to homophobic advertisers who pull commercials off a gay-themed show and then turn around and complain about the advertisers who support gay and lesbian publications seems counterproductive.

Sincerely,
Bruce C. Steele
Executive Editor
***Out* Magazine**

Writer's Response: Regarding the letter from Bruce C. Steele, Executive Director of *Out* Magazine: Thank you for your response. I agree 92%. My main issue was with the lack of condom ads in the major LGB magazines. The rest of my column was this bizarre thing called "satire." It was created by people who "get it." And as for giving the benefit of the doubt to GM, Chrysler and J & J - Jeep/ Chrysler advertised on the 5/7 episode of *Ellen*. Being quick to judge is (I thought) what we were fighting against. As for the other two advertisers, if they fail to advertise soon, feel free to kick their butts.

M. Burlingame-Couk

Cronkite Blasts Far Right

Dear Editor,

For many, many years, I did my best to report on the issues of the day in as objective a manner as possible. When I had my own strong opinions, as I often did, I tried not to communicate them to my audience.

Now, however, my circumstances are different. I am in a position to speak my mind. And that is what I proposed to do.

For a decade, I have watched with growing apprehension the rise to real political influence in our country of a genuinely radical movement known as the religious right wing.

This movement, whose lead organization calls itself the Christian Coalition, has a militant ideology--one that encourages deep hostility toward those who disagree with its agenda.

This movement is tightly organized. And it is led, says Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed, by political operatives who have earned for themselves "an advanced degree in hardball politics."

As a political organization, the Christian Coalition has been a great success.

It is a textbook example of what a relatively small number of skilled and committed political organizers can accomplish within our democratic system.

But with the Christian Coalition, I have a real problem

I consider myself a person of faith. I work very hard at being a Christian. And certainly, the Christian Coalition does not speak for me.

Sincerely,
Walter Cronkite

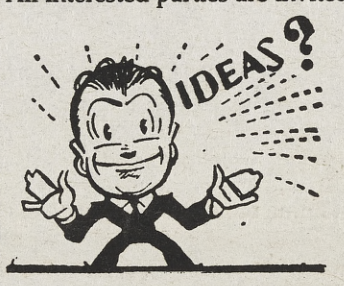
Lambda Center Cries Out!

Dear Editor,

As Bette Davis once said " Fasten your seat belts, I'ts going to be a bumpy night!" By now, I'm sure you've read in the paper, or heard thath the Center is suffering financially. It has becomes clear to the board that we must make major changes to meet your needs. It's also clear to us that unless we raise our ongoing Center income, we will have to drastically cut back the center's availabilty to you.

As a result of the recent press, we are already seeing community respone. Monday, after the article in Sacramento Bee, one community member donated $500 to sponsor the Youth Prom. Others are already contacting me personally to ask how they can help. These gestures boost morale at the center immensely.

But our job is just beginning. The Board and Staff of your community center are eager to know your interest and concerns. All interested parties are invited to



the May 21st Board meeting at the center, 6PM; 919 20th St. What else can you do?

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I hope you believe as I do that it is essential to keep our Community Center alive. Thank you for your time.

Ellen French, President,
Lambda Community Fund,
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Act Now for Equal Rights in the Workplace

Chances may be improving for achieving federal protec tion from discrimination in the workplace for lesbian, gay, and bisexual Americans. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation, which remains legal in 41 states.

Last year, a similar measure came within one vote of passage in the U.S. Senate. President Clinton and Vice President Gore recently met with civil rights leaders and ENDA sponsors who are trying to map out a strategy for passing the bill during this session of Congress.

A new bipartisan poll released by the Human Rights Campaign shows 68 percent of American voters favor passage of the measure. The poll found that 59 percent of Republicans, 69 percent of independents, and 79 percent of Democrats favor ENDA, with broad support in all regions of the country.

You can encourage your U.S. Senators and Representatives to support ENDA by writing care of the U.S. Senate or House or Representatives, or by calling them through the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Alternatively, legislators may be contacted electronically via the Human Rights Campaign Web site at http://www.hrc.org.▼

AB 101 -- The Dignity For All Students Act Passes the Assembly Education Committee

After a two and a half hour debate AB 101, (by Assembly Member Sheila Kuehl) the measure to end discrimination based on sexual orientation in California's public schools, was passed by the Assembly Education Committee. Speaking for the bill were numerous gay and lesbian youth; Stephanie Reed, a Petaluma mother who's son took his own life because of severe harassment and abuse from his classmates at school for being gay; many educators; and Education lobbying organizations. As well, in a press conference earlier that day Jamie Nabozny, the litigant in the landmark federal court ruling on gay students, spoke to the press about his experience being abused and harassed in a public school.

During the hearing and the morning press conference, the proponents of the bill cited numerous cases of verbal and physical gay-bashing in California's public schools. Several youth spoke of incidents that would be remedied by AB 101. Opponents of AB 101 again asserted that the bill forces homosexuality on students in schools and misconstrued the bill to apply to religious private schools.▼

Anti-Gay Marriage Bill and Anti-Bath House Bill Defeated in State Senate Committee

A coalition of activists from around the state convened at the Capitol to defeat two major bills which would cause great harm to the gay and lesbian community. Each bill met with heated debate:

SB 911, Senator Knight's (R-Palmdale) measure to prohibit California from recognizing same gender marriages from other states was defeated after the Senate Judiciary Committee added domestic partner provisions to the bill. The final vote on the bill was 2-2.

SB 1301, Senator Leslie's (R-Roseville) measure to close bath houses and sex clubs was also defeated by a vote of 4-3. The committee of nine requires five votes for a bill to pass. Eloquent testimony was given on behalf of HIV/AIDS educators around the state who engage in safe sex education in bath houses, comprising the only education about HIV/AIDS transmission that many bath house clients receive.

Also in the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Hayden (D-Brentwood) brought up SB 841, legislation that would require the state's contractors to offer domestic partner benefits identical to spousal benefits offered. Although this measure did not get enough votes to pass the committee (3-4), the bill was granted reconsideration and is likely to come up for a vote in 1998.▼

NOT MY AISLE

Take Me To Your Leaders

Now for some thoughts on the Welfare System, Ha! Just kidding. Actually, with the month of the G/L freedom movement just around the corner, I've been reading a lot of literature (if you can call it that) about the way the leaders of our community are steering the movement.

It's left me wondering...who exactly are the "leaders" of the G/L movement? If a homosexual alien landed and said "take me to your leader" - what would I do? I mean, aside from pee my pants. Was there an election and I missed it (much like the gay moment I keep hearing about)? How did they become leaders and how do we know they're representing my - I mean - our beliefs?

Hell, it's impossible for me to honestly believe one hand of the G/L movement knows what body part the other hand is picking. Nothing could illustrate my point clearer than at a protest where a man in a faux Armani suit with about 10 facial rings held up a sign with "Gay Rights" written on both sides. On one of those sides was a peace symbol - on the other side was an anarchy symbol. Can you say "nickel poisoning?"

I suppose that was only slightly more tolerable than the group of lesbians in rainbow colored t-shirts that were singing along to a Gina Livingston tape. Apparently they were supporting our right to drive expensive cars as all the shirts had handmade drawings of the Mercedes hood ornament across the front.

It seems to me if, as individuals, we can't make up our minds what we're doing, how are we supposed to be moving forward as any sort of social or political force? Know what I mean, Vern?

I am beginning to wonder if our movement's "leaders" are slowly becoming as distanced from the issues we "non-leaders" face every day, as our governmental leaders have become. If we ever want to be accepted as a vital part of the larger community then it's time to start being a part of it - even if at first we're not wanted there. I done learned that from Barney, although, Barbra Striesand said the same thing in Yental.

Recently, I stated that I supported the work of Child Quest international and was told "Groups like that are mostly Christian based and promote the belief that homosexuals are child molesters." Oh, well, when Suzie and John-John plow into a brick wall at 88mph with an open bottle of booze next to them, let's all tell the parents it's their fault for being prejudice against us! Let's get real for a day, shall we?

I also heard "as long as groups like NAMBLA (North American Man Boy Love Association) exist we will never be able to have a firm leg to stand on supporting any group that deals with the welfare of children." I wish NAMBLA would go crawl in a hole somewhere. If they're so determined in their beliefs why the hell don't they move to Italy or Holland where the age of consent is about 14? They can say whatever they want, however they want, but all their fancy words break down into one thing: sex with minors. It baffles me that any respectable organization would even give them the slightest credibility.

That's probably why I'm not a "leader" in our community . I actually have an opinion on something. I don't bother living up to a PC "gay image." I'm more Al Bundy than Ward Cleaver and if that disqualifies me from winning the Straightest Gay Of The Year award - well, ya don't hear me cryin', do ya?

When Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/Eastender/Fenderbender Pride Day rolls around and you're walking around all the booths at the Freedom Faire or watching a parade or just sitting at home watching Pricilla Queen Of The Desert on IFC, take a deep breath. That sweet smell is freedom and it's up to you, not just the "leaders" to preserve it. That nasty smell is smog.

And if anyone knows when the next election is, e-mail me. Cause the future if the G/L Movement is definitely my aisle!▼

- M. Burlingame-Couk

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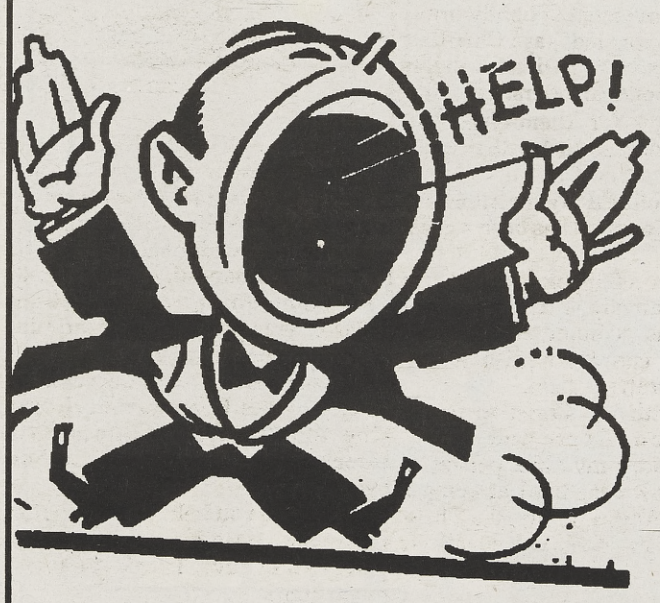

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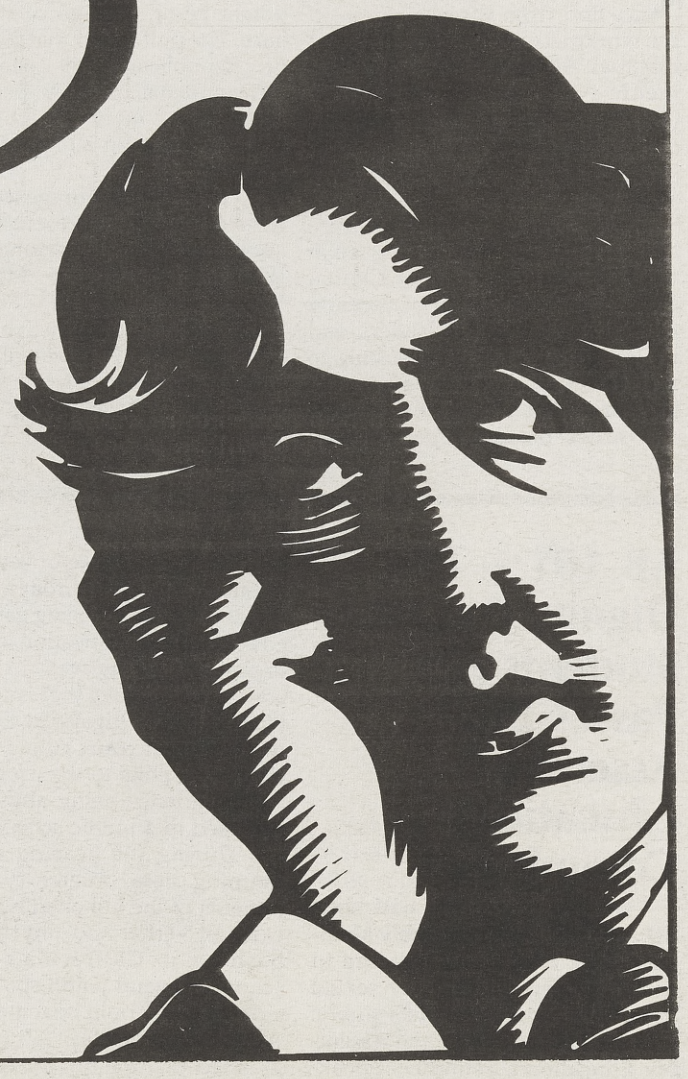

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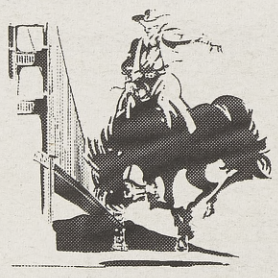

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Controversy Continues Over O'Donnell's Sexuality

The debate continues over the rumored lesbianism of entertainer Rosie O'Donnell. The following are some of the e-mail messages posted this month by users on a national internet service provider:

"She is not gay ... I watch Rosie everyday! She's a nice decent person! Just because she's nice, doesn't mean something has to be wrong with her. I love Rosie ! Love always in the Lord, Elizabeth." — EKaskeski@aol.com.

"The Bible says that being gay is an abomination to the Lord. I don't know if she's gay or not. I know that I like her show and she seems to be a nice, loving person. If she is gay, then we all need to pray for her. Love the sinner, hate the sin." — RIOTnNC@aol.com.

"If Rosie was gay would she scream about how she has the hots for Tom Cruise? No! I don't think so ..." Ohnewgirl12@aol.com.

Austin Chronicle Investigates Gay Murder Epidemic in Texas

The March 14 Austin Chronicle featured two articles about a recent spate of killings of gay men in Texas. The first article, by Andy Smith, featured a the murder of a mentally disabled gay man whose killers allegedly targeted his home and shouted anti-gay epithets during the reported attack.

"The homophobic nature of the murder was never addressed during the trials, " Smith said. "But his family decided to speak out in defense of their gay son and brother."

Working with the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, the family of the man has sought out the inclusion of sexual orientation in hate crime legislation. "Since the bill failed to win the needed votes two years ago, seven other gay men have been murdered across Texas," Smith said. "All told, 22 gay men have been murdered across the state since 1988. What makes the murders of gay men difficult to generate sympathy and outrage in the heterosexual world is an age old, blame the victim mentality. Many of the men were killed by strangers they met at a bar, an adult video store or while cruising parks or other areas where gay men converge. Then again, (this man) never got to make that choice. His killers picked him."

A second article by the same author profiles another man, a government employee. The man had reportedly picked up his assailant in a cruising area.

"Living in fear of one's sexual orientation being discovered can be a scary thing in a society that does little to accept homosexuals. While pick-up encounters exist both in straight and gay worlds, the covertness of sex with strangers can figure more prominently into a gay man's inability to fully accept his sexual orientation."

By humanizing the issue of hate crimes and the real cost to society when such legislation is not passed, Smith's articles illuminate the central role that homophobia plays in both these murders and the lack of punishments to fit the hate-motivated crimes.

To thank the Houston Chronicle for Smith's stories on the extreme side of anti-gay violence contact: Tony Pederson, Managing Editor, Houston Chronicle, P.O. Box 4260, Houston, Texas 77210, fax: 713-220-6677, e-mail: hci@chron.com.

Gay Intimacy on Television Reviewed

Prior to the March 19 airing of the Greg Louganis biography "Breaking the Surface" on USA Network, a host of reviewers reportedly laminated the omission of any real male same-sex intimacy, announcing its time had come. Reviewers from the Boston Globe, USA Today and the San Francisco Chronicle were on-hand and reportedly challenged the issue and arguing that it is time to be realistic - a man can be killed on TV but not kissed?

The meeting evidently yielded assurances from USA that in the future, representations of gay and lesbian relationships would be more realistic.

Reports state the widespread critical recognition of the obvious lack of same-sex intimacy in Breaking the Surface is both encouraging and hopefully part of a broader trend towards a more accurate portrayal of our lives on television - A gay male same-sex kiss is something yet unseen on network entertainment television.

To commend the Boston Globe, USA Today and the San Francisco Chronicle for astute critical commentary, and affirm USA Network's commitment to more accurate representation in the future, please contact one or all of the following:

Boston Globe, P.O. Box 2378, Boston, Mass. 02107, fax 617-929-2098, e-mail letter@globe.com; USA Today, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va. 22229, fax 703-247-3108, e-mail editor@usatoday.com; William German, Editor, San Francisco Chronicle, 901 Mission St., San Francisco, Calif. 94103-2988, fax 415-543-77 e-mail chronletters@sfgate.com; Ian Valentine, USA Networks International, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY. 10020.

Nature vs Nurture; New Gender Study Debate

An editorial in the March 17 New York Post grabs one element of a new scientific study and uses it to attack both gay and transgender people. This new study reversed a famous 1973 report about an infant boy whose penis had accidentally been cut off, and the doctors decided to surgically make him a girl, with female genitalia, hormone therapy and insisting the parents treat him as a girl. In the report, the child appeared to have happily accepted this new gender identity as she developed.

This study was cited by those who argued it was empirical evidence that gender is entirely socialization and not biological, or all nurture and no nature.

In the new study, the traumatized child renounced his female identity at 14 and has since lived happily as a male. Before this new report corrected the prior finding, the Post says, " ... practices like homosexuality and transsexuality (were) seen as liberating - sloughing off socially defined roles and realizing one's true self." The editorial then claims that this new study wholly dismisses that gender in any way is a learned, or socialized behavior. Meanwhile, the March 14 New York Times explored the meanings behind the groundbreaking new case study. The Times reported the new study reversed the previous claim that all gender identity was socialized , because the child's male identification was so strong even after years of living as a girl.

"Yet the debate remains as to how much of sexual identity is instilled by nature and how much by nurture, experts said," according to the Times. "Few agree on what it means to talk about maleness or femaleness to begin with ."

Cheryl Chase, founder of the Intersex Society for North America, argues that male and female don't account for those who don't easily fit, even biologically, into one category or the other.

Finally, the Times sums up with a comment from Dr. Diamond: "It is the head that holds the primary sexual organ, the source of one's identity, and that organ does not lie."

To thank the Times for telling the whole story about this groundbreaking study and to let the Post know that its hasty gender-baiting does a disservice to everyone who doesn't easily fit into one of two gender roles contact: Arthur Sulzberger, Jr., Publisher, New York Times, 229 W. 43rd St., New York, NY 10036, fax: 212-556-3622, e-mail: letter@nytimes.com; New York Post, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-8790, fax: 212-930-8540, e-mail: new yorkpost@delphi.com.

People Speak; Windy City Passes Domestic Partnership

The Chicago Tribune and the Sun-Times both recently featured opinions about domestic partnership with letters ranging from commentaries discussing dear friends to self-victimizing statements. The result was a March 19 passage of a city ordinance extending health benefits to gay and lesbian partners.

It seems that the May 13 issue of the Tribune includes a commentary by Mary Schmich, discussing some of her gay friends. She stated she supported the partnership and believed in equal rights.

However, in the March 19 Chicago Sun-Times, editorial board member Dennis Byrne asked "Why Gay Entitlements?" Byrne allegedly filled the opinion piece with self-victimizing statements and stated he saw no reason for the ordinance beyond that "it helps the stability of gay relationships."

Reports state that without recognizing issues such as equal treatment under the law and the fact that gay people pay taxes to support the spousal benefits of married heterosexuals without representation, the opposition not only missed the reasoning of issue, but the humanity. The Chicago City Council, by a vote of 32-18, saw otherwise.

To thank the Tribune for the commentary and let the Sun-Times know that if Byrne represents the analytical talents of its editorial board, it might want to reconsider recasting its net, contact: Howard Tyner, Editor, Chicago Tribune; P.O. Box 4041, Chicago, Ill. 60611-4041, fax: 312-222-3143, e-mail: tribletter@aol.com; Chicago Sun-Times, 401 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611, fax: 312-321-2120, e-mail: letters@suntimes.com.

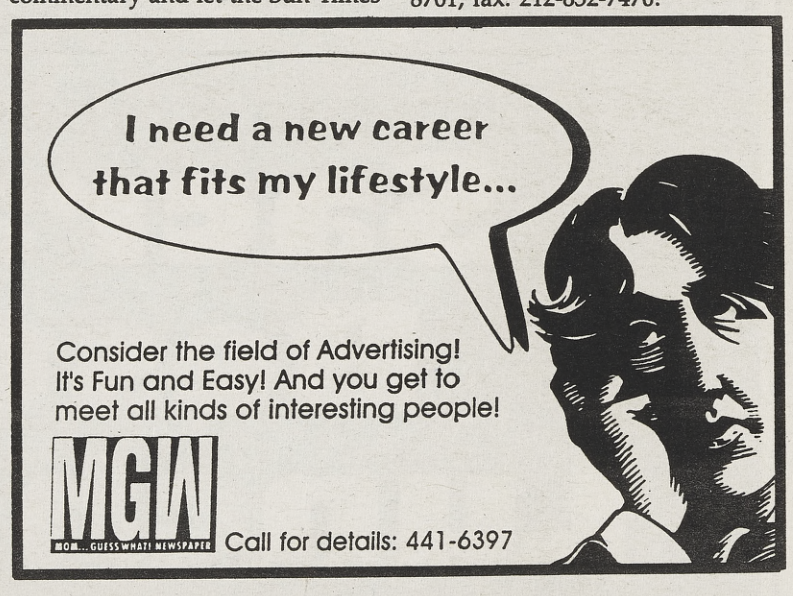
Falwell Fans Ellen's Flames, TV Guide Says Ellen Is Hot

In a desperate attempt to slam Ellen Morgan's closet door shut on March 25, Rev. Jerry Falwell, the anti-gay radical religious leader called for a boycott of sponsors of ABC's Ellen. Reports state Falwell may have found a new way to draw media attention to the highly anticipated April 30 episode where Ellen DeGeneres' lead character realizes she is a lesbian , the media has been overwhelmingly supportive of the gay-themed story line.

In fact, the March 29 edition of "TV Guide" featured an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at ABC and Disney's development of Ellen Morgan as television's first "leading lesbian." The five page article chronicles events beginning with a coded storyline suggestion ("The Puppy") posted on the Ellen writers' bulletin board last summer; follows the stormy off-camera relations between the show's star Ellen DeGeneres and ABC executives and leads readers to the completion of the groundbreaking one-hour "Coming Out" episode due to air April 30. Included in the feature is a visit to DeGeneres' East Texas hometown and a short interview with Ellen executive producers on "breaking a TV taboo."

Examining the story behind the story illustrates that Ellen's coming out episode is no capricious whim designed exclusively to garner ratings.

To write TV Guide and thank them for including the article, contact: Steven Reddicliffe, Editor-in-Chief, TV Guide, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-8701, fax: 212-852-7470.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NEWS CLIPS

by Michael Stokes
MGW/Staff

Medical Association Launches Journal

After two years of planning and preparation, the GLMA has released a debute issue of the Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.

The multi-disciplinary journal dedicated to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered health, is the first! JGLMA is published quarterly and specializes in original clinical research. Articles in the first issue include: Gynecological Infections and Sexual Practices of Massachusetts Lesbian and Bisexual Woman, Emotional and Social Contingencies Affecting HIV Risk Reduction Among Lesbian & Bisexual Woman, A review of the Medical Consequences of Homophobia with suggestions for Resolution, Homophobia: Therapeutic Training Considerations for Psychiatry, and a History of gay and Lesbian Physician Groups. For More Info : (415) 255-4547.▼

Woman in the Moon

WITM publications will be sponsoring its spring literary readings Sat, May 17,1997. 4:00pm to 6:30. In honor of Pat Parker, Black lesbian feminist poet, and to assure continuing support for Black women's poetry, WIM publications offers an annual prize of $250.00 for a 50 line or less free verse narrative poem, dramatic monologue or contemporary poetry composition that celebrates the life, and extends the themes of the work of Pat Parker. Dead line Nov.17th. For more info: (408) 279-6626 or 1409 Alameda, San Jose, CA 95125.▼

Gay Camp

Come and enjoy the nations first gay & lesbian camp. Kezar Falls Maine, is the place to celebrate the homosexual lifestyle. Bill Cole, in the professional camping field for over 20 years is the creator of "Camp", which takes place Aug 31, through Sept 6. The mixter of both individual and group activities will allow all participants to make new friends.

'Camp', activities include a theater, recreation and weight-training center, five tennis courts, a basketball court, sand volleyball court, studios for creative crafts, performing arts and a large sports field. For more info contact cole toll free : 888-924-8380; Fax (609) 683-1795; or E-mail billcole@worldnet.att.net. Cole says," whether you're in, out, or between, you'll feel comfortable and welcome here in the company of bothers and sisters. Come visit our Web site at http://www.campcamp.com."▼

"Touch" UFMCC

This years United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church gathering is going to be a Australian great one! July 20-25 in Sydney. Opening reception will follow the 'Rally', honoring Elder Larry Rodriguez who will be concluding his term of active services on board the Elders. This UFMCC gathering will take members on a cruise of Sydney Harbour! Theres' a HIV/AIDS ministry luncheon and the UFMCC will conclude General Conference with a closing dance with a Hollywood 1940's theme. For More Info Contact: Above and Beyond Tours 1-800-397-2681 or 415-284-1666, or Web site www.ufmcc.com.▼

West Hollywood Lesbian & Gay Advisory Council Calls for Domestic Partner Benefits

The WHLGAC passed a resolution calling on the City Councils' of West Hollywood and Los Angeles to pass a city ordinance prohibiting contractors with businesses that discriminate in the provisions of benefits between employees with spouses and employees with domestic partners. "By providing benefits only for those couples who are married these companies are in effect saying lesbian and gay couples are not valid and don't contribute to today's society", said Advisory Council member Renee Rosenfeld. In the mean time the WHCC was asked to report on the legalities of passing the ordinance. "West Hollywood has been at the cutting edge of civil rights for all Americans for over 10 years, so I expect we will pass this resolution by summer's end, just as soon as we get a clear picture of what it will mean for our existing contractors", said City Council member Steve Martin. The LA city council is expected to pass a similar ordinance and once the resolution has passed, LA Mayor Riordan is expected to oppose.▼

Religious Chicago Landlord Not Exempt from Anti-Discrimination Ordinance

When Ron Jasniowski, a Chicago landlord asked perspective tenants, Benson Rushing and Mary Tews for proof of marriage before letting them rent an apartment, rushing filed a complaint with the Fair Housing Commission and rented else where. Jasnoiwski claims his religious beliefs prevent him from renting to unmarried couples therefore exempting him from Chicago's anti-discrimination law.

The Illinois Appellate Court with the help of the Lambda Legal Defense ruled that Jasniowski is not exempt from the city's fair housing ordinance. Patricia M. Louge, managing attorney for lambda's midwest regional office says, "The decision is particularly important to lesbians and gay men, because religious beliefs are so commonly invoked to justify discrimination based on sexual orientation." The Appellate court of Illinois handed down a 2-1 decision taking another step towards fighting discrimination.▼

Alleged Homophobic Mother Killed by Lesbian Daughter

Texas teenager, Maggie Ward was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the Feb. 26th murder of her mother Mrs. Janet Ward. The day of the murder Mrs. Ward was going to take her daughter to live with friends of the family. The 47 year old teacher and licensed Assembly of God minister was allegedly uncomfortable with Maggies close relationship with her girlfriend. After Mrs. Ward was shot in the head with a 38-caliber pistol in the family's home Maggie claimed her girlfriend pulled the trigger. Prosecutor Lynn Ellison said, "There's absolutely no evidence that connects any other individual to this crime other than Maggie Ward." Maggie is 17 and will have to serve ten years before she is eligible for parole.▼

National Masturbation Month Kicks Off May 7th

San Francisco's Good Vibrations encourages everyone to honor this month by taking an hour out of the day to masturbate. Some famous supporters of this day includes: Dennis Rodman, Cybill Sheperd, Jamie Lee Curtis, Roseanne, the artist formerly known as Prince, Madonna, Seinfeild and others. Like masturbation itself the month will be full of wonderful surprises. For more info: Good VB of SF at (415) 974-8980 or 1-800- 289-8423.▼

MGW! Oh No You Won't!

The wife of a prospective employee for MGW wouldn't allow his husband to work for the gay & lesbian newspaper claiming that the gay & lesbian lifestyle is wrong. When asked why he allowed his wife to make this decision for him he said, "That's how it goes, but good luck to the rest of you."▼

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On the HIV front...

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

New Quilt panels arrive...

The Sacramento Chapter of the NAMES Project says the new shipment of Quilt panels has arrived for display here during the next few months. The following Sacramento panels are included. If you see names you recognize, you may check with the NAMES Chapter for display information (484-5646). If possible, please pass along to the friends or family of those on the panels that they are here for a while — Jared, Dr. Harvey Thompson, Joseph Swain, John Standley and Larry Paladini, John Santibanez, Al Rich, Chris Parsel, Duff Paddock, Scott Oatman, Mike Miller, Larry Miller, Sean McGinnis, Peter Lucero, Bradford Liszt, Jerry Leach, Steve Koppes, Gary Johnson, Randy Hindman of CGNIE, Fred Hibberd, Ricardo Hernandez, Joey Heckman, Frank Cook, Tim "Cheech" Cicinato, Michael Bennett, Baby Jessica, and the Vacaville Prison California Medical Facility panel.

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David Rivera
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Mary Sosa
Dale Daniels
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Roger Rees
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Phillip Quattrociocchi
Kenny Brooks
Larry Hewitt
Michael P. Mallory

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Steve Mabs
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Jerry Bohlander
Dan Dalton
Ed Flores

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Karl Kessler
Jerry Mansker
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of friends lost last month

April 1997:

Joel Valdez

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

To add the names of loved ones to MGW's remembrance column, please call 648-1120.

For information about creating a NAMES Project AIDS memorial panel, please call 484-4164.

Generic acyclovir approved...

Mylan Laboratories reports that it has received FDA clearance for Acyclovir capsules in 200 mg strength. Acyclovir is the generic equivalent of Glaxo Wellcome's Zovirax, a treatment for shingles, chicken pox, and genital herpes. It is used as both a preventative and treatment by large numbers of people with HIV because of their susceptibility to these infections.

Injected gel zaps genital warts...

An injectable gel spiked with a cancer drug may clear most or all genital warts for the majority of people who have failed other therapies. The gel, which contains fluorouracil, a blood vessel constrictor epinephrine, and a biodegradable gel, effectively eliminated all the warts in 61 percent of the 270 subjects and cleared more than half the warts in another 30 percent of trial participants. Matrix Pharmaceuticals, the maker of the gel, expects it to receive FDA approval by the end of this year.

PG&E expands benefits...

Pacific Gas & Electric — which already offers domestic partners bereavement leave, extended-care leave, and designation of pension and life insurance beneficiaries — will expand their definition of "partnership" to include more employees. Unmarried employees with partners, both gay and straight, will be able to sign up for benefits directly with the company, without having to officially register the partnerships with a government entity as is now the case. The expanded advantage will include medical, vision, and dental insurance, and go into effect next year. About 450 other businesses, universities, and municipalities across the country now offer domestic partner benefits.

Preserving patient confidentiality...

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 will affect patient financial procedures and possibly endanger the confidentiality of patients with expanded use of electronic transactions. Although the bill requires standard security measures such as frequent password changes and printing limitations, disclosure authorization is a necessity. Healthcare providers, therefore, must ensure that procedures to obtain informed consent are in place when sharing records, and implement procedures to enable patients to reconsider their informed disclosure consent when new diagnoses are established, which the patients may not want to release to insurance or employers. Ask your physician about their office procedure if you have questions.

FDA reprimands drug company...

Agouron Pharmaceuticals has been reprimanded by the Food and Drug Administration for issuing a "misleading" new release about results from a small human trial of Viracept. According to a letter sent by the federal agency to Agouron and posted on the FDA's Web site, the statement about the AIDS drug is "misleading because it lacks balance and implies that the results of this study are more representative than they really are." The letter also criticized Agouron for failing to submit the news release to the agency and for violating agency rules governing accelerated-approval drugs.

Schools giving out wrong sex info...

At least 28 schools in California are using an abstinence-only sex education program that does not provide students with nformation on contraception and on how to reduce the risks of being infected with HIV, according to a study by the Applied Research Center. The study says the abstinence-only programs misinform students about AIDS and are biased heavily against minorities, gays, and gender roles.

Wrongful life lawsuit...

A woman with degenerative brain disease who sued her doctors for saving her life against her express wishes, both verbal and in writing, has lost her "wrongful life" case in court. The Hemlock Society, Choice in Dying, and other similar organizations say hospitals ignore patients' direct orders that they not be resuscitated about half the time. The problem continues to grow as technology makes it easier for doctors and machines to keep people alive. The woman lost her suit perhaps because of her own testimony. When asked if she was now happy to be alive, the woman responded yes.

Point/Counter-Point...

The New York Attorney General has announced plans to create a 20-member panel to discuss ways of addressing end-of-life concerns of dying patients without assisted suicide. The American Medical Association says it applauds the New York project, which might create a model for "end of life" care — in contrast to Oregon's "physician-assisted suicide" legislation.

HIV accessory proteins also good targets...

HIV's unique enzymes — reverse transcriptase, ribo-nuclease H, protease, and integrase — are all viable targets for drugs designed to suppress viral replication without affecting normal cell function, note researchers in the publication *Nature Medicine*. Although six genes unique to HIV have been identified, drugs have been developed to inhibit only one. Current therapies block protease and reverse transcriptase, but attempts to inhibit ribo-nuclease and integrase have met strong resistance. The researchers encourage additional study targeted at these other elements of HIV.

Across the USA...

*Massachusetts recorded only eight cases of AIDS in children in 1996, compared with 19 cases in 1993. Increased HIV testing and AZT treatment for pregnant mothers are responsible for the decline, medical officials said.

*Ohio State Medical Board is considering a proposal that would force physicians to report HIV-positive colleagues who perform invasive procedures. Currently, physicians are responsible for reporting themselves.

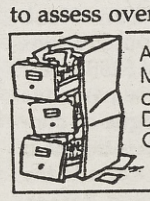
*Washington State. A man with HIV has filed suit against Pierce County, alleging that he was not provided with his AIDS medication while serving a short time in the county jail.

*Rhode Island has approved legislation that prevents the state from punishing physicians who prescribe strong doses of narcotics for patients who experience "intractable pain."

*Delaware health officials will administer blood tests and vaccines to 48 high school students who were stabbed by schoolmates with needle-like instruments.

Back in the world...

As people with HIV are staying healthy longer, plastic surgeons are experiencing an increase in business from the HIV community. Some doctors still refuse to operate on people with HIV, but a growing number are welcoming these new clients. Even though people with HIV seem to recover as well from surgery as those without, plastic surgeons say that overall health is the key indicator of whether an individual is an appropriate candidate for cosmetic surgery. It is also important for individuals with HIV to have a healthy platelet count and to make sure that existing drug treatments will not interfere with healing. Surgeons must work closely with the individual's HIV physician to assess overall health.▼



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HIV Firing Line is a free forum presented by the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES) on May 20 at 7-9 pm at the UCDMC Cancer Center Auditorium on 4501 X St.

The panel includes: Dr. Neil Flynn, Dr. Jody Gordon, Dr. Bary J. Siegel, Dr. Jason Flamm, Sue Strong, and Guillermo Acuna.▼

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HOW MANY S'S IN HOLLYWOOD?

Wilde About the Boy

by Jerry Semas
MGW/Staff

American Conservatory Theatre alumnus **Ken Ruta** stars in the one-man show *Oscar Wilde: Diversions and Delights* at San Francisco's State Door Theatre, starting May 19. The play is set in a Paris lecture hall in 1899, two years after Wilde was released from prison. The late great Vincent Price toured in this wonderful show, including a San Francisco stop, in the 70s.▼▼▼Another sampling of Wilde's talent *The Picture of Dorian Grey* is heading to the screen one more time. The latest version of Wilde's never aging bisexual character will be produced by Gary L. Pudney, the man responsible for that awful **Elizabeth Taylor** birthday salute telecast a few months ago.▼▼▼

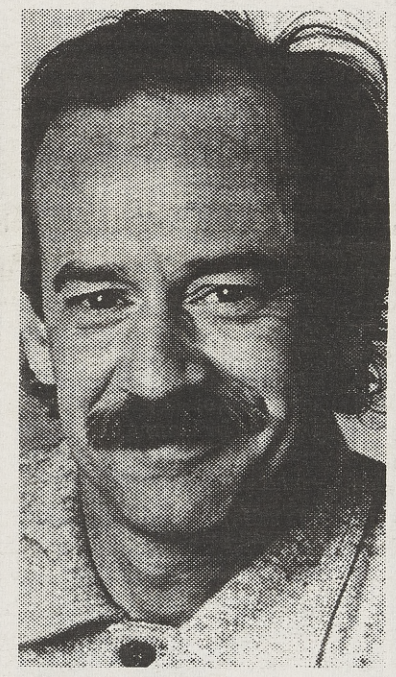
Emmy Award winning writer Michael Malone, the man who introduced the problems of being a Gay teenager to ABC's *One Life to Live* has been brought onboard NBC's *Another World* to work some new magic to their plotlines. With sagging ratings, some "A.W." fans feel that lately, the show has been as tired as Liz Taylor's divorce attorneys.▼▼▼

On May 27, a British production of San Francisco's *Beach Blanket Babylon* opens at London's Unicorn Theatre for 16 scheduled performances.▼▼▼The weekend of May 24th, Oscar winner, Jodie Foster will receive an honorary doctorate degree from Yale University. Foster will become the youngest woman to receive such a degree in the University's history.▼▼▼

Ian McKellen portrays famed director James whale in *The Father of Frankenstein*. Though the title may fool you this is not a sequel to a monster film but the story of a monster creator. Whale was a contract director for Universal Pictures in the 1930s and is better known for having directed the films *Frankenstein* and *The Bride of Frankenstein*. Horror novelist **Clive Barker** is the Executive Producer on the project.▼▼▼News of another McKellen project. **Bruce Davison** *(Longtime Companion)* joins **Ian McKellen** in TriStar's *Apt Pupil* for Director Bryan Singer *(The Usual Suspects)*. The story comes from a Stephen King novel about a youth (Brad Renfro) and his unusual bond with a Nazi war criminal (McKellen). This production has been plagued with a lawsuit by a teenager claiming an assistant director ordered him to strip for a shower scene after being informed that the teen extra was underage. I learned a long time ago to make the parents of all my naked teen extras sign a consent form.▼▼▼

The New Conservatory Theatre will stage the S.F. premiere of Chuck Ranberg's *End of the World Party* May 28-July 29. The play looks at six gay friends as they share a house on Fire Island during the Summer. I know what you're thinking, "Been there, done that!" but this is not 'Love! Valour! Compassion!▼▼▼

MUD WRESTLER ON THE SET OF *ISLE OF LESBOS*, APRIL 11, 1996



Michael Jeter

In the upcoming movie *Homo Heights*, comedian **Lea DeLaria** has what she calls a softer romantic lead role. The film co-stars **Quentin Crisp** and though no formal announcement has been made, may be part of this year's S.F. Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.▼▼▼Author **Olivia Goldsmith** has signed a book deal with HarperCollins Publishing which will include a sequel to her previous work *The First Wives Club*. Let's hope she does more with the lesbian daughter character.

The independent Mammoth Motion Pictures is shooting the uniquely titled film *The Night Elvis Kissed James Dean* in Los Angeles. Will this shed some light on the former marriage of Lisa Marie and Michael Jackson?▼▼▼Producer/Director Marc Rocco *(Dream A Little Dream)*, currently working on **Janis Joplin** bio film starring **Melissa Etheridge**, is after **Stephen Dorf** *(I Shot Any Warhol)* for his movie on the life of James Dean.▼▼▼**Gary Oldman** *(Prick Up Your Ears)*, **Cary Elwes** *(Another Country)*, **Bronson Pinchot** and **Sir John Gielguld** voice some characters in the upcoming animated film *The Quest for Camelot*.▼▼▼

Steven Spielberg's next project, under the DreamWorks SKG banner, is called *Amistad*. **Lily Tomlin** might want to read that carefully because it's not Armistead and is not the sequel to *Tales of the City*. Set in 1839, the story is taken from when John Quincy Adams argued for slaves rights to revolt, before the Supreme Court. The cast includes **Nigel Hawthorne** *(The Madness of King George)* and **Anthony Hopkins** *(Nixon)*.▼▼▼

Another Dreamworks SKG project is the comedy *Mouse Hunt* which teams **Nathan Lane** *(Birdcage)* with **Michael Jeter** *(The Fisher King)*. Lane's Birdcage co-star **Gene Hackman** stars with **Susan Sarandon** *(The Hunger)* and **Stockard Channing** *(Six Degrees of Separation)* in Paramount's *Magic House*.▼▼▼Oscar nominee **Kristin Scott Thomas** *(Four Weddings and a Funeral)* will play a successful magazine editor opposite **Robert Redford** in *The Horse Whisperers*. This is the film version of Nicholas Evan's best-seller about a mother and daughter whose lives are changed by a horse and its trainer.▼▼▼

Dermot Mulroney joins *Longtime Companion* co-star **Mary-Louise Parker, Patricia Arquette** and **Ellen DeGeneres** in *Goodbye Lover* for Director **Roland Joffe**. The motion picture explores issues of adultery, alcoholism and murder. Stop thinking Kennedys.▼▼▼I bet Ellen is glad she wasn't cast in the motion picture version of *Isle of Lesbos*. Screened at the recent Berlin Film Festival, the movie was described by some as "Li'l Abner meets The Rocky Horror Picture Show." This low-budget modern version of old technicolor musicals is headed for a limited release and probable mixed reviews.▼▼▼

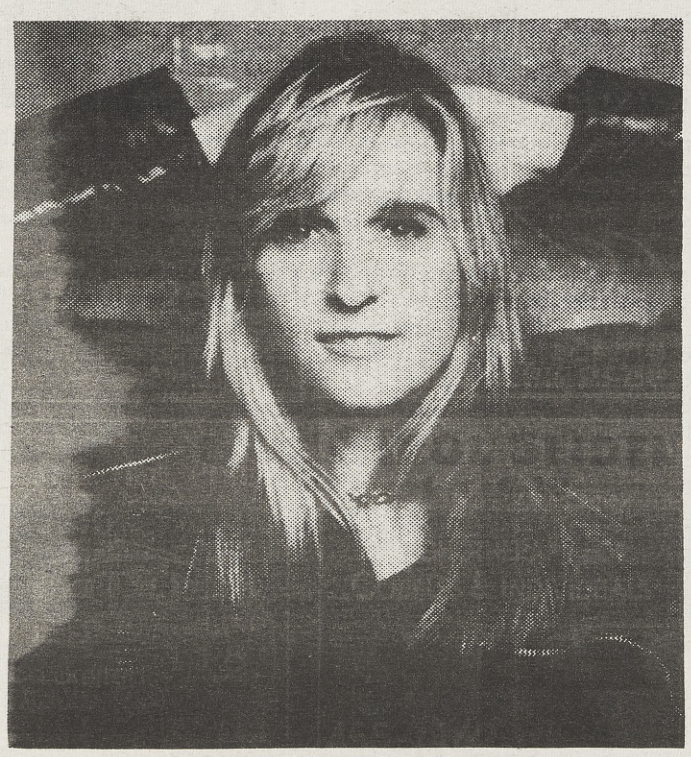
Actress **Anne Heche** (pronounced "Haytch"), who had roles in *The Juror, Donny Brasco* and now *Volcano* has been getting a lot of press, not only for her acting talent but for being **Ellen DeGeneres'** real-life girlfriend. What some may not know is that Anne has had ties with the gay community long before she met Ellen. At the age of 12 she discovered that her father, a closeted gay man, was diagnosed with AIDS. Watch for Anne in **Barry Levinson's** new film *Wag The Dog* this Fall, starring Robert DeNiro and Dustin Hoffman. Anne plays a right hand to the President, George Stephanopoulos type, a role originally written for a man.▼▼▼

Don't forget Memorial Day isn't just for leaving flowers on cold lifeless gravestones, but to remember and rejoice in the memory of those who have enriched our lives and no longer share this world.

▼ ENDQUOTE ▼

"It's kind of like the old Shell commercial where a car was hurtling toward a brick wall. And it got closer and closer and then it went right through and it turned out to be a piece of paper. That's what coming out is like."

-- **State Assembly Member Sheila Kuehl**



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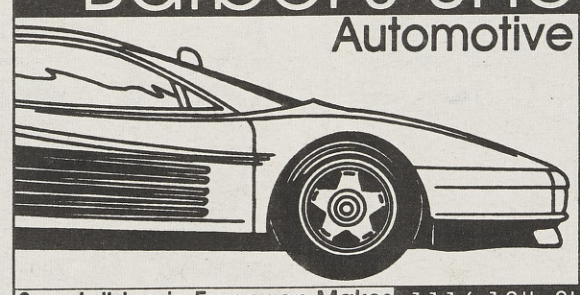

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Ellen's Out...Thank God!

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It's over...and it's just beginning! Ellen is out and amidst our cheers of joy and adoration is a huge sigh of relief. She didn't chicken out, she didn't back down - she delivered the goods and did it with style.

Those connected with *Ellen: The Episode* as well and Ellen, the person were everywhere. From her real life girlfriend Anne Heche on American Journal to Joely Fisher on Fox After Breakfast, everyone was talking about Ellen. "It feels like a second Christmas," said one person. "Except that some people are picketing Santa today."

The final drum roll started when Oprah officially announced on her show that she was playing a therapist on *Ellen: The Episode*. To be fair, she let several audience members address the issue. One woman who opposed Oprah's involvement in "this sin", broke into tears after speaking a mere two sentences and seemed more emotionally unstable than morally outraged.

The came April 25th and the first TV interview with Diane Sawyer on ABCs 20/20. The banter between Sawyer and the show's host Barbara Walters after the interview ran had the same tone as two next door neighbors who peep through their curtains and make clicking noises with their tongues every time the battered wife who has finally found the strength to leave her husband gets in her car. You know they're honestly concerned, but it comes across with all the sincerity of Jerry Falwell saying that he loves Ellen as a person when you know damn well off camera he's calling her a "bitch-dyke."

The long awaited interview with Oprah was #2 on the 10 to 1 countdown. Ellen countered every right-wing argument with her usual non-combative wit, introduced her girlfriend Anne Heche and happily squirmed as several people, including Oprah, called her "my hero." Also included in the Oprah broadcast was an impromptu blues song between Ellen and Melissa Etheridge, made during an intermission in filming *Ellen: The Episode*. Not aired on the shows broadcast, Oprah felt it was too good to let fall into the vaults of lost footage at ABC without the public having a chance to enjoy it.

Then, finally, after eight months of "Lebanese" jokes, teasing plot lines and media overkill, the moment arrived when the PG 14 rating appeared in the corner of the town in Northern America as Ellen Morgan leaned on the airport microphone and said for the first time, to Susan (Laura Dern), "I'm gay." From there the show made every statement gays and lesbians have been reiterating since Stonewall. But instead of the preachy speeches other well-intentioned shows have written, the "message" parts of *Ellen: The Episode* were simple, direct and hilariously well written.

The regular cast was joined by an extraordinary list of guest stars including Gina Gershon, k.d. lang, Billy Bob Thornton, Demi Moore and Dwight Yoakam, all playing small parts in a surreal dream sequence. It's a cast list most productions can only dream about.

With all the publicity surrounding nervous sponsors and the threats of conservative rights boycotts, the Human Rights Campaign sprung into action, sending "Ellen Coming Out" party packets to anyone willing to host a gathering. Starting out to make 300 kits for parties around the U.S., the HRC suddenly found themselves trying to meet the demand for over 3000. Included in the kits were videos featuring a commercial attempting to educate the general public about the lack of job protection for the LGB community. The commercial was able to find air time on 33 ABC affiliates and was turned down by another 11. The HRC states that approximately 85% of Americans feel the lack of Federal protection for jobs held by LGB individuals is wrong and found this a perfect opportunity to get that message out there.

Ellen, both the show and the person are off to a fabulous start. But as with most things, time will tell if the show can keep up the on-the-mark writing and quality acting that came through in *Ellen: The Episode*.▼

Lambda Players Close Season with *Sainte-Carmen*

The Lambda Players wrap up the current season with Michel Tremblay's wacky gay play, *Sainte-Carmen of the Main*. Slickly directed by Thomas Bach, "St. Carmen" tells the unusual story of a lesbian country western singer who aims to revolutionize a community with her music. The play is filled with intrigue, a host of bizarre characters, camp, and a strong message of self-pride. In 'St. Carmen" there is a battle to be won, and Carmen plans to fight it no matter what the cost.

Maggie Burkle triumphs in the title role of Carmen. She is at once charming and devilish. Carmen's lover, Harelip, is played with exquisite restraint by Erin Wright, and the two ignite a passion between women that has not been seen on stage in some time. The supporting members of the cast perform with grace and polish-and Derek Seder is as sexy as he is sinister in the role of Toothpick.

'St. Carmen" is presented in the style of a Greek tragedy and the supporting chorus of prostitutes and drag queens adorning the aisles of the Geery Theatre cannot be overlooked. The chorus speaks in a smooth synchronization, performing as one, yet each actor finding his own individuality.

A highlight of the production is Myk Ciapusci's costumes. He has dressed the chorus boys in scantily clad leather and chained outfits. The drag queens are in large pink and green day-glow wigs. Carmen herself is a model country western star with red fringe and a huge main of Reba McEntire-red hair.

'St. Carmen" is a brisk evening of professionally executed theatre art. The costumes are a hoot, the direction swift and clear, and the performances solid and innovative. This show is a not-to-be-missed end to a highly successful Lambda Players season.

Sainte-Carmen of the Main runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM through May 31st at the Geery Theatre. Tickets are available at The Open Book or by calling 491-1062.▼

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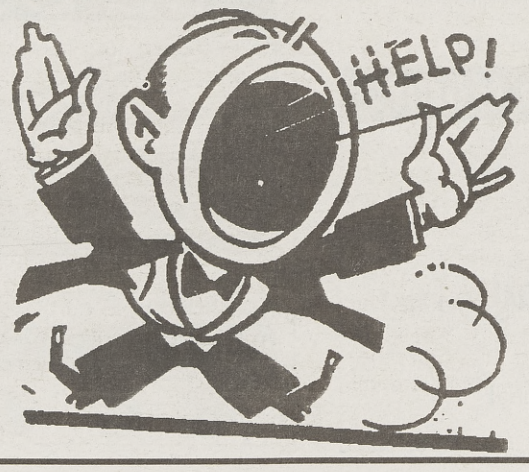

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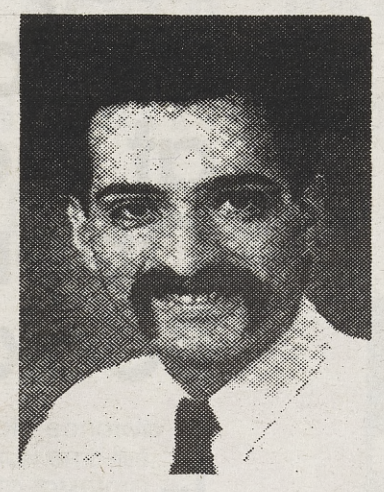
FAREWELL

Joel Valdez



Joel died April 17, 1997, in Sacramento surrounded by his family after a 12-year battle with AIDS. He leaves behind numerous friends at his favorite dance spot "Sidekicks," where a special party was held in his honor this past October.

A volunteer at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, he spoke publicly at many high schools and colleges, and at the AIDS conference at St. Rose Church.

He was proud to have held the flag representing Sacramento at the opening of the Gay Rights Parade in Washington in 1987, and of the AIDS support group he headed at the Lambda Community Center.

From 1989 to 1990, he was an active member of Capital City Square Dancers. Joel raised thousands of dollars at the AIDS Bowl-a-Thon and other events over the years.

Friends remember him as being able to create spontaneous fun at a moment's notice. He put a smile on many a face, was very personable, always in a good mood, and easy to get close to.

Joel will also be missed by his family — mother Mary Valdez, and brothers and sisters Jesse, Jerry, Jarvis, Julia, Janice, James, Angel, June, Jeannie, Joan.

The family sends a special thanks to the Mercy Hospice for their loving care. Donations may be made CARES at 2710 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento CA 95816.▼

Marvin Liebman

Marvin Liebman died Monday, March 31 in Washington D.C. He was 73.

Liebman was a longtime activist for gay and conservative causes and was a pioneer in political direct mail fundraising.

Liebman was the Founding Chairman of the nationwide gay and lesbian organization Log Cabin Republicans and worked for the presidential campaigns of Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Arizona) and Ronald Reagan, and the Bush and Clinton administrations until his retirement in 1994. Liebman was also the author of a 1992 autobiography entitled, "Coming Out Conservative."▼

Laura Nyro

Singer-songwriter, Laura Nyro, died at her home in April of ovarian cancer. Nyro was 49.

Nyro influenced a generation of women artists with songs like "Eli's Coming" (a hit for Three Dog Night) and "Stoned Soul Picnic" (recorded by the Fifth Dimension).

Nyro's music was a unique blend of pop, jazz, and folk. She climbed to fame as a teenager in the 1960s when her songs became big hits for a number of artists. These included "And When I Die" (Peter, Paul and Mary; Blood, Sweat and Tears), "Wedding Bell Blues" (Fifth Dimension), and "Stoney End" (Barbra Streisand).

In 1978, Nyro gave birth to a son, Gil Bianchini, and temporarily retired from the music scene until 1984, when she released her album "Mother's Spiritual."

Nyro is survived by her son, Gil Bianchini, and her companion, Maria Desiderio.▼

Kay Christian

Kay Christian died Thursday, March 13 at her home.

Christian is survived by her life partner Carol Bennett and faithful dog Sara.

Remembrances may be made to CARES, 2170 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, California 95816.▼

REMEMBRANCE

Miles R. Kerley

May 14th is a day seemingly like any other, unless you were lucky enough to have had your life touched by Miles Kerley who died one year ago on that day. Miles sometimes seemed pretentious, not to mention dramatic, and knew he had a body to die for. But for those of us lucky enough to have really known him, the true depth of his character was revealed. Miles was one of the most fun, thoughtful, loving and giving men I have ever known. He took situations as they came and always tried to look for the opportunities. He did a lot for others, but didn't seem to know that his actions impacted people. I'll never forget when he told me how moved he was by the outpouring of sentiment from his friends and co-workers. He didn't know people cared so much about him, much less that they loved him. He just couldn't believe it. Luckily he didn't have a choice, he was shown that love was the reward for a good life. My friendship with Miles lasted 15 years. Looking back on it, it was more than a friendship, we got to grow up together. I love and miss him more than I can say. I hope these words rekindle warm memories of him among his many friends.▼

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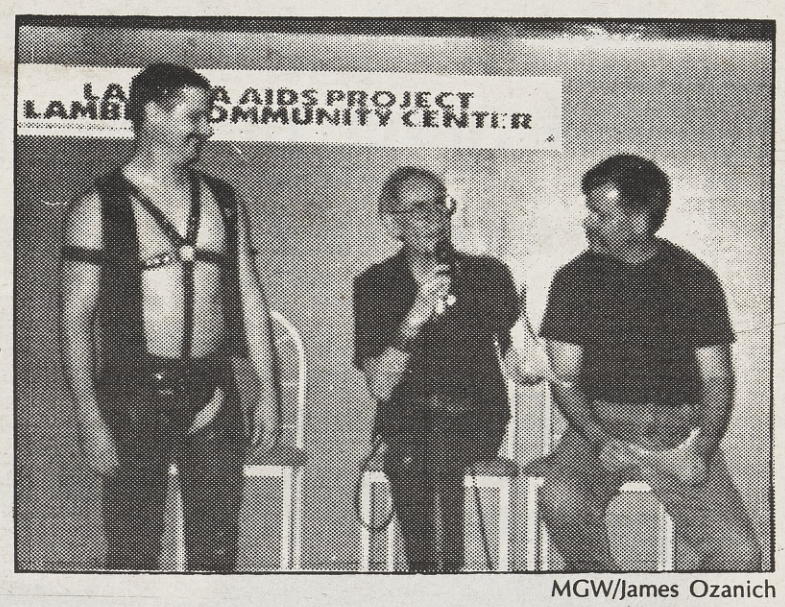

Ross Marsh, International Cheeks & Chaps, '96-'97

La Kish, and producer Jeff Flynn at the Lambda Fantasy Date Auction at Faces on Sunday May 4. $1,180 was raised for Lambda AIDS project and Lambda Community Center.

MGW/James Ozanich

MGW/Linda Birner

Avalon Celebrates Anniversay

The Avalon Home., for AIDS/HIV residents, celebrated their anniversary at the Mansion Inn. In the photo above is the current Board of Directors.

Yolo "LesBiGay Day" June 1

LesBiGay Day, the second annual Yolo County Gay Pride Picnic will be Sunday, June 1, 11am to 4pm, in Central Park in Davis at 5th and B Streets.

The celebration features Judy Fjell, Natalie Cortez and the Ultra Violets, Duval Speck, Joie De Vivre, and Sister Guido and the Bailbonds and dancing instruction with John Batchelor. Event emcees are comics Maureen Gaynor and Sequita Whitfield. Entertainment for children is available throughout the day with the Carousel, the Earth Ball, and the Dancing Water Fountains for children and adults who want to cool off.

No food will be sold at the event, so bring a picnic lunch.

A raffle with more than $2,000 in prizes will help pay for this free event. Raffle prizes include two-free weekend passes at Wild Men Weekend and Wild Women Weekend at Edgewater Resort, Clearlake, a two day stay for two at the B&B on the Oregon Coast, a $100 gift certificate at the Davis Coop, a two-day stay at Holly's Place in Tahoe, as well as gift certificates from local restaurants, massage therapists and other merchants.

Tickets will be sold before and during the event and at the Yolo County Gay Pride Day booth at the Whole Earth Festival on the UC Davis Quad May 9-11.

The event commemorates the anniversary of the Davis Civil Rights Ordinance, enacted by the Davis City Council in Spring of 1986.▼

Valley Knights Anniversary Run

The Valley Knights will once again hold their annual summer run June 20 and 21 at French Meadows. Registration must be received by June 10.

It's a weekend of relaxation and events next to a mountain lake at the 5,000-foot level. Food is provided on Saturday, with snacks on Friday night and a continental breakfast on Sunday.

The Knights usually meet Friday to ride up together. On arrival, campers set up and relax around the fire. There is usually a ride to a nearby site and competition events on Saturday. The event includes plenty of socializing, snoozing in the sun, swimming and hiking.

Dinner on Saturday is followed by an awards ceremony for the winners of the day's events, presentation of officers and members, and a discussion of upcoming events. Last year, the campfire afterward burned well into the night.

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May Exhibit at the Open Book,

Lawrence Moorman is a full-time Humanities professor at Yuba College in Marysville. He studied Van Gogh as part of his Master's thesis at San Francisco State University, where he studied interdisciplinary studies. A native of San Francisco, he took several studio courses in the late 60s. He has exhibited at San Francisco State and all the Sacramento public colleges.

Larry has also exhibited an original photographic show introducing western styles of architecture through San Francisco examples.

Exhibit dedicated to the memory of Michael J. Montero who died April 29, 1997.▼

June 7: A Starlite Serenade

The Nena Cameron Ensemble from the bay area and SACWN will present "A Starlite Serenade Dance." Composed mostly of lesbians, they will feature beautiful sounds of many cultures including rhythm & blues, jazz, bossa nova and Latin jazz.

The mucisians are: Nena Cameron on piano and keyboards, influenced by the piano style of Gene Harris, she is the ensembles soulful bluesy flair. Julianne George on bass, a Bay Area musician for 16 years will connect her interactive bassline to your souls, she definitely adds flavor. On drums, Katrine Spanh-Hanssen brings her 8 year states touring experience to the group with influences of Dennis Chamber,and Terri Lyne Carrington.

The percussion and congas with a hint of Motown Sound are played by Yolanda Bocanegra who also lends us her angel voice on vocals. Tammy Levi, on the trumpet and flugelhorn is a music educator who has played throughout Europe, Asia, and Canada, her influences are Dexter Gordon and J. J. Johnson.

Georgiana Kriger, brings the West Coast Cool sound to the ensemble with the sax and flute. This will be a wonderful evening to see a unique and wonderful Universal jazz ensemble. This is a divirsified, group of very talented women. Bring your partner/lover and dance the night away!

SACWIN will designate special tables for single woman and smokers will be asked to smoke outside the tent. It will be an outstanding, sophisticated evening of dance and musical delight. Tickets for the dance are $12 for SACWN Subscribers, $17 for nonsubscribers and at the door. 21 years of age only. For more Info. call SACWN at 451-8034.▼

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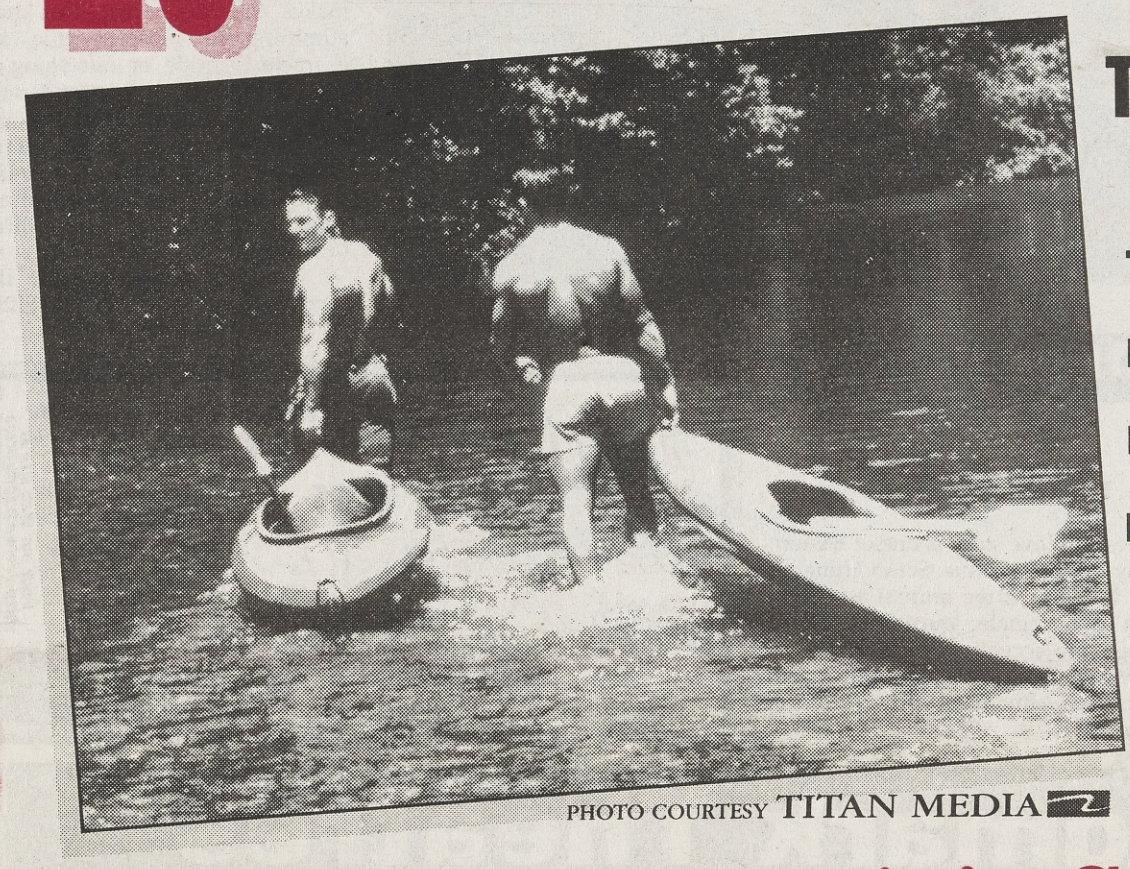

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Flirting with Disaster

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

Chasing Amy. Starring Joey Lauren Adams, Ben Affleck, and Jason Lee. Written and directed by Kevin Smith. (105 min.)

Kevin Smith's debut film, Clerks, was engaging because the world of the convenience store clerks depicted in the film seemed dead-on. Of course it was: Smith had been a real clerk for years.

Unfortunately in his latest film, Chasing Amy, Smith tackles a subject he knows nothing about. Instead of crafting a story from experience and reflection, Smith has merely given his subject matter the old college try.

The result is decidedly mixed, to say the least. It is great to see an outspoken young woman, unapologetic about the choices she's made-and continues to make-and proud of her sexuality. This is strong stuff for conventional filmmaking.

However, it's frustrating to watch a film about someone so clearly bisexual, yet which avoids using that term to describe it. Instead, her sexuality is deemed merely experimental or due to youthful exuberance. As a result, she's simply a fickle, impulsive tease. Smith could have done better than this.

When Alyssa (Adams) meets Holden (Affleck), she feels an attraction towards him that she hasn't felt in a long time, if ever before. Since he's so different than the women she knows, she wants to be friends with him. Not knowing her lesbian identity, he misconstrues her friendliness as flirtation. Upon learning the truth about her orientation while at a gay bar with her and some of her friends, he becomes determined to show her that she actually loves him.

What a straight-guy thing to do. But this is an open-minded straight guy, who believes in discussions about personal topics. Because of him, this film gets to be entertainingly educational, as Alyssa explains herself to Holden and to her lesbian friends (who feel they've "lost another one to the dark side"), and as Holden reacts to his friend and business partner Banky's jealous, homophobic remarks.

Part of the fun of watching Chasing Amy is sitting in the straight audience it's obviously geared toward. Hearing the nervous laughter and quiet shrieks of "Oh my God!" is at times more enjoyable than watching the intended humor unfold on the screen-much improved over the puerile stuff of Smith's Mallrats but still dependent too much on repeated utterances of the f-word.

Most annoying of all is the reappearance of Jay and Silent Bob, the off-beat duo of Smith's last two films. Silent Bob is, of course, played by Smith himself, but he really should bag the concept of this cameo-appearing duo. They aren't funny anymore. (Hitchcock's walk-on appearances were definitely better.)

Indeed, humor has a strange way of intruding into this film, usually in the least believable ways, so that it becomes distracting. The humorous scenes that Smith devises give this film an unwanted goofiness. Although humor plays an important role in diffusing the tensions built up in certain scenes, one gets the impression that Smith wants this film to be a comedy more than the drama it really is.

At the end, it's Adams who makes the film work. Not quite admitting to lesbian chic, her character's pride is refreshing. If only the film were honest enough to mention the b-word and not reinforce the rigid notion of an either/or world of sexual orientation. Alyssa's sexuality is more complicated than the film is willing to entertain.

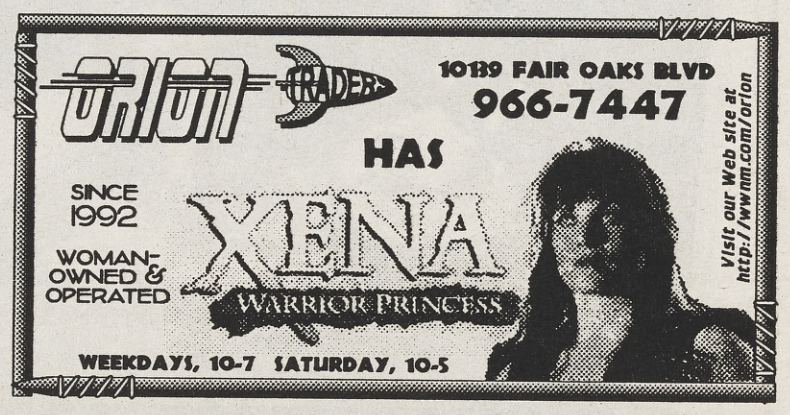
Chasing Amy plays at the Century Complex. Call 777-FILM for showtimes.

GAY VIDEO PICK

Another Way

Directed by Karoly Makk. (102 min., Hungary, 1982)

This courageous and intelligent lesbian love story is one of Eastern Europe's first films dealing with a gay or lesbian issue. Set in Hungary immediately after the 1956 uprising, it concerns the mutual attraction and budding relationship between two female journalists. Livia, married to an army officer, shyly begins to accepting the advances of Eva, an outspoken reporter with whom she shares an office. An impassioned plea for tolerance in a land of the Budapest Spring. (Source: Images in the Dark by Raymond Murray.)



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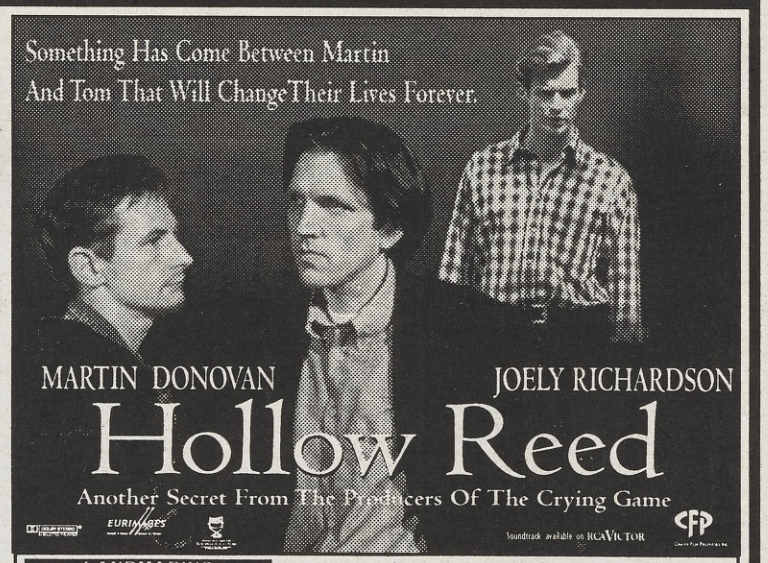

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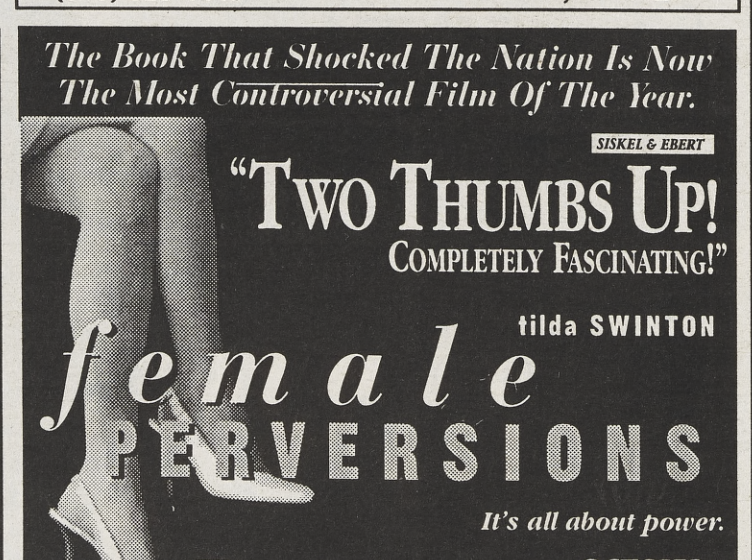
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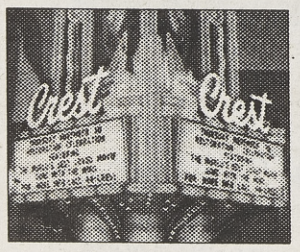

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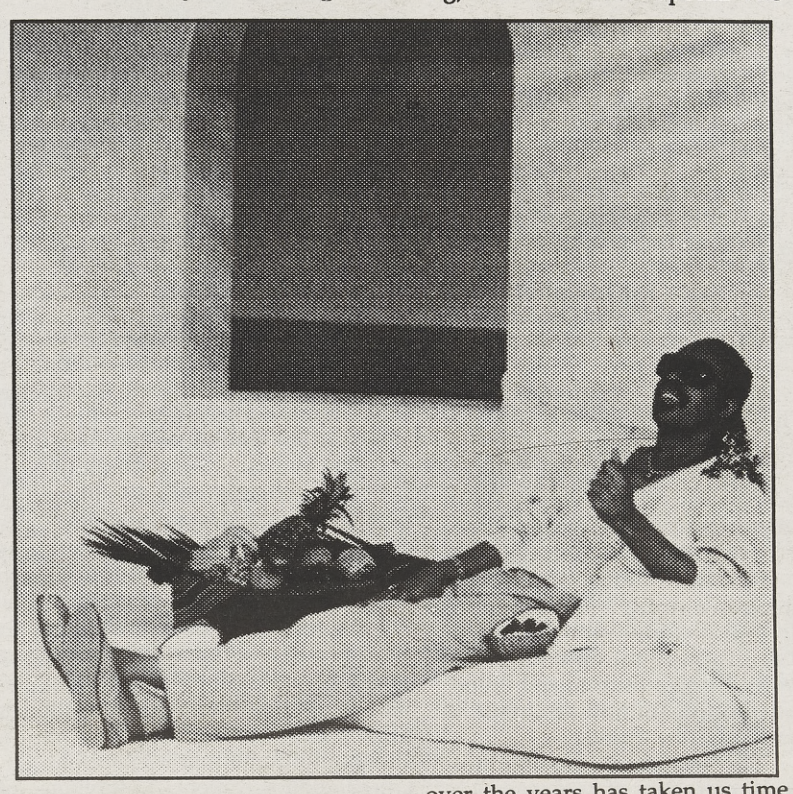
A Living Legend

by Charles Turner
MGW/Staff

Stevie Wonder - Song Review: A Greatest Hits Collection, Motown Record Company, L.P.

The icon of soul music, Stevie Wonder has added yet another pillar to his phenomenal career with his latest release *"Stevie Wonder-Song Review: A Greatest Hits Collection"* available everywhere on the Motown Record company, L.P. label. Wonder, winner of nineteen Grammys, The Lifetime Achievement Award, and three consecutive Album of the Year Awards - *"Innervisions"* (1973), *"Fulfillingness' First Finale"* (1974), and *"Songs In The Key Of Life"* (1976) - has sold more than 70 million records. In 1989, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The all-time MVP (Motowns most Valuable Performer) has pulled three decades of specially selected soulful songs from his archives highlighting thirty-five chart topping years in the music industry. The collection boasts thirty-one of Wonder's most memorable songs (sixteen of which were number one on the charts) taken from the three previously mentioned critically acclaimed albums along with such other award winning releases as *"Hotter Than July," "The Women In Red"* Sound Track, *"In Square Circle," "Signed, Sealed,* and *Delivered," "Characters,"* and *"Conversation Peace,"* combining to simulate a complete all expenses paid 1st class flight....ala Concord.

If anyone reading this article feels the same way I do about this artists contributions, then you also consider yourself blessed to share the planet (coexisting) with someone so special who



over the years has taken us time and time again on endless journeys as we see our world through his eyes, flooding the mind with visual imagery providing food for thought for all those who are hungry for knowledge. The universally loved, multi-instrumentalist starts the mega-trip through the corridor of time with that 1985 misbehavin hit *"Part-Time-Lover"* (PTL). PTL is followed.

by his biggest (to date) international hit, the 1984 'and the (Oscar) winner is', *"I Just Called to Say I Love You"* -- I swear, If I would have heard that AT&T jingle one more time, I was gonna throw the first thing in my reach through the TV....but I digress.

The mega-trip adds a little bottom as we arrive in funkville. The rhinestone studded, platform walking, bell bottom wearing *"Superstition"* and *"Mas-*

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Kate Clinton Headlines Third Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Comedy Night

Kate Clinton will headline the Third Annual Sonoma County Lesbian & Gay Pride Comedy Night on Saturday, June 14, at 8:00pm at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts. This year's performance is a co-production of the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts and We Mean It! Productions. All seats are reserved, $15 adults, $12 students/seniors, in the Main Theatre. Tickets are available at the LBC box office, BASS outlets, or North Light Books in Railroad Square, Santa Rosa. San Francisco comic, Danny Williams, will open the show. The evening show will be Kate Clinton's only Bay Area appearance this spring.

A self-described "fumorist" (feminist + humorist), Clinton has been an out lesbian comic since 1981. Clinton's credits include her 1996 one-woman show, "All Het Up," and her current show "The Mad Vow Tour." She wrote for the Rosie O'Donnell show, and writes a monthly column, "Unplugged," in The Progressive, a left-oriented magazine. Her first book entitled, "CommuniKATE," will be published this year.

Danny Williams is a three-time winner of the Bay Area Gold Award for Outstanding Male Comic, and has been named Entertainer of the Year by the Cable Car Awards. The San Francisco Chronicle calls him "a sassy, clever gay comedian."

Community nonprofits are invited to display information about their organizations at the event at no charge.

Special rates are also available for groups of twenty or more. For tickets and information contact We Mean It! at (707) 824-0335 or the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts at (707) 546-3600.▼

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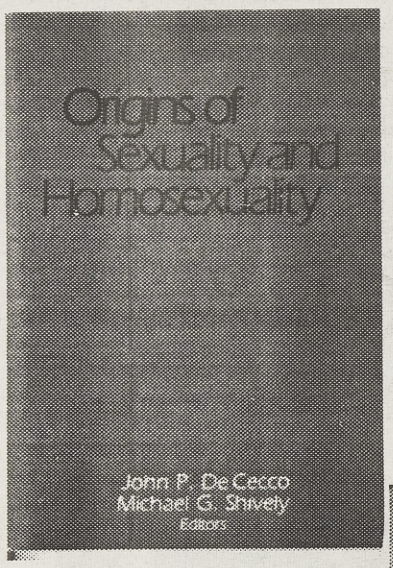
It's a Brain thing. Or Is It?

by Brenda Shook
MGW/Staff

Literature on the etiology and phenomenology of homosexuality is growing at a rapid pace. The two basic questions, or themes, that continue to dominate this literature are: (1) Who is the homosexual? and, (2) What makes an individual homosexual? Below are reviews of just some of the many excellent books on these questions that have come across the MGW bookshelf.



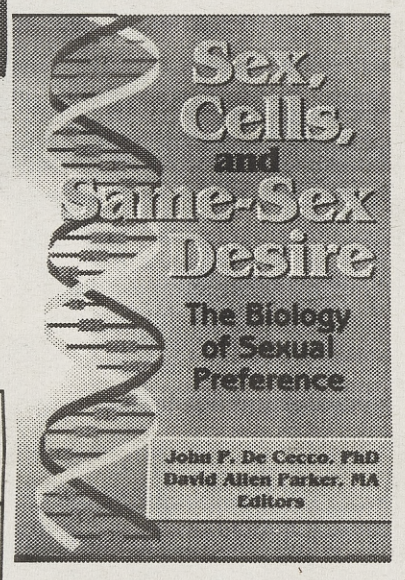
"Origins of Sexuality and Homosexuality." John P. DeCecco and Michael G. Shively (Eds.), Harrington Park Press, Inc.; New York, 1985.

This book was first published in 1984 by The Haworth Press, Inc. under the title of "Bisexual and Homosexual Identities: Critical Theoretical Issues. It was published a second time in 1984 as volume 9 of the Journal of Homosexuality. Although published over 10 years ago, the contents of this book are as useful today as when first published.

Articles in the book provide an in-depth analysis of sexual identity and gender roles and the ways in which culture, theology, biology, and social, psychological and moral philosophies have shaped our views and definitions of homosexuality and bisexuality.

Other articles in this volume address important methodological concerns in the study of sexuality and critically examine the impact, and problems, of some of the most influential scholars in this field of inquiry including Freud, Habermas, Mead, Kinsey, Ford and Beach, and Bieber.

Scholars, researchers, and professors teaching at the graduate level will find this book an excellent resource containing a wealth of information.



"Sex, Cells, and Same-sex Desire. The Biology of Sexual Preference." John P. DeCecco and David Allen Parker (Eds.), Harrington Park Press; New York, 1995.

A stellar compilation of articles examining the most important evidence underlying theories on the biological basis of human sexual orientation.

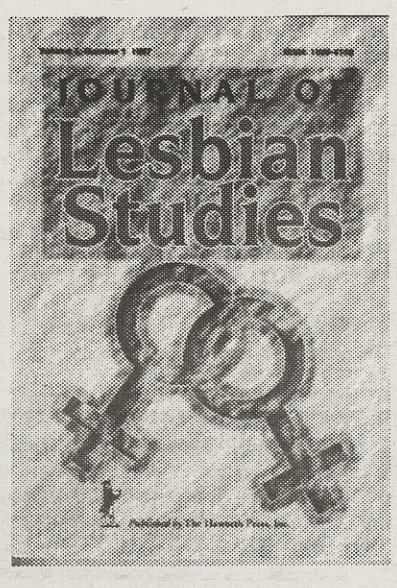
The book begins with an excellent overview of the history and evolution of theories on causal explanations of homosexuality. Chapters that follow provide critical and scholarly analyses of scientific data examining the role of genetics, hormones, and brain structure on the development and expression of homosexuality.

Chapters on hereditary mechanisms include a discussion of data generated from studies of mono- vs. dizygotic twins, as well as findings first reported by Dean Hamer and colleagues regarding a possible genetic marker for male homosexuality found on the long arm of the X-chromosome.

Articles on possible brain mechanisms underlying homosexuality focus on a tint but pivotal region at the base of the brain known as the hypothalamus. Within this context the authors take a close look at data published by the most highly regarded research scientist in the field who have reported either gender differences in the anterior hypothalamus and/or differences between particular hypothalamic nuclei in gay vs. straight men. The possible sociocultural ramifications of structural differences between the heterosexual and homosexual brain are also discussed in more than one chapter.

The articles on possible hormonal correlates of homosexuality look closely at the relationship between systemic hormone levels such as estrogen, testosterone, luteinizing hormone, and follicle-stimulating hormone and the expression of gay and lesbian behavior. Both organizational and activational roles of these hormones are examined in animal and human studies.

Articles in this book place biological theories and research within the more general context of research on the origins of homosexuality. A glossary included in the book make its contents accessible and useful to the general public as well to students, practitioners and scientists alike.



"Journal of Lesbian Studies," Volume 1, Number 1. The Haworth Press, Inc.: New York, 1997.

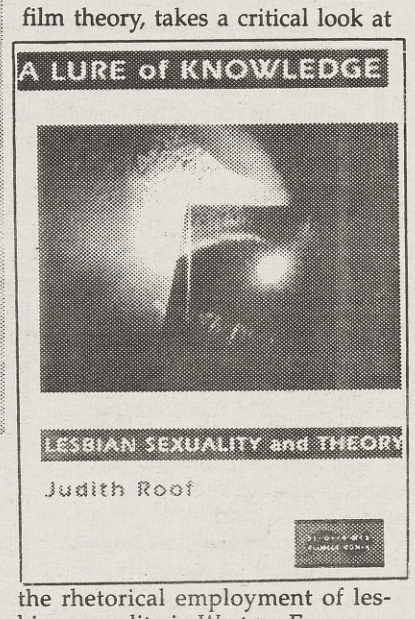
The new international Journal of Lesbian Studies is the first scientific journal devoted exclusively to lesbian studies and identity and is a welcome companion to the long-standing Journal of Homosexuality. This new journal promises to bring lesbian scholarship to a higher level and includes empirical, theoretical, applied, and multicultural articles on this important topic of study.

The Journal of Lesbian Studies is supported by a highly impressive board of professionals including well known authors such as Kate Millet, Kay Gardner and Evelyn Hooker to name just a few. The journals editor, Esther D. Rothblum, is a highly regarded researcher in the field of lesbian mental health and former Chair of the Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Rothblum has edited over 20 books prior to pioneering this most welcome and needed journal.

This important publication should be on the shelf of all college and university libraries as well as in the library of anyone interested in the identity and experience of lesbians.

"A Lure of Knowledge. Lesbian Sexuality and Theory." Judith Roof, Columbia University Press: New York, 1991.

Judith Roof, in challenging the heterosexism of both feminist and film theory, takes a critical look at



the rhetorical employment of lesbian sexuality in Western European and American literature, psychoanalysis, and the cinema.

Roof presents an interesting argument suggesting that efforts to explain lesbian sexuality and identity generate widespread anxieties in the heterosexual world. These fears subsequently effect the way in which lesbians are depicted in theory, literature, and films, in many cases reducing lesbian sexuality to simulated heterosexuality, simple erotic foreplay, or joking inauthenticity.

In exploring the political context of lesbian representations, Roof examines a variety of discourses on the topic ranging from films such as I've Heard the Mermaids Singing and Desert Hearts, to works authored by Julia Kristeva, and Sigmund Freud, to Martina Navratilova and the world of professional tennis.

The book "A Lure of Knowledge" should provide insightful reading to those who are interested in sociocultural, historical, and literary representations of lesbianism.▼

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Dogs and Cats - Together?

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

The myth is that dogs and cats are natural, mortal enemies and can't and don't get along. If that were true, then the dogs and cats that have successfully co-existed in my home over the years must be a figment of my imagination. It is true that some people can be classified cat people and some are dog people. It is not true that you can't love both and can't live with both. In fact, some of my dogs best friends have been cats, and vice versa.

The latest cat in our household, Gypsy, designated himself chief puppy caretaker. When the new pups were big enough to be out of the pen, running in the field, "uncle" Gypsy would allow them to roll and tumble all over him. They'd approach and he'd reach out with very soft paws, no claws, and pat them on the head, and then they'd indulge in some grand "roll-all-over-the-ground-games. He'd lead them a merry chase and usually allow himself to be caught for a lovely roll in the grass. When he'd had enough puppy play, he'd head for a high spot.

Back in the days when I had German Shepherds, the house cat was Gato, a Siamese mix. We lived in a 10' x 60' mobile home in those days and 99lb Cavalier couldn't turn around in the hallway, so Gato took delight in walking under him all the way down the hall, with the tip of his tail tickling Cav's belly . Gato delighted in the teasing and Cavalier patiently put up with it. Other times the pair would curl up together for friendly snoozes.

Kadee, my very first Shepherd was a remarkable dog with the strongest maternal instinct I had ever seen. She was totally fascinated by the birth of a litter of kittens and she amazed us by sharing the cleaning and nursing chores with Mama Cat. The one kitten that we kept from that litter nursed on Kadee until the day the cat died.

Of course you don't just throw a bunch of cats and dogs together and expect things to work. It does take some care in getting each used to the other. And, of course, there are compromises that have to be dealt with when living in a dual-specie household. For instance, what to do with the cat box and how do you feed. But it can be worked out and many households do it very successfully.

First, when bringing a new puppy home to an existing household of cats, or a new kitty into a household of dogs, I suggest the use of the trusty airline travel crate. Older cats usually find it more difficult to adjust to change than a dog will. However, with patience, you can at least develop a state of peaceful coexistence by allowing the pets to become acquainted with each other through the wires of the crate. I always supervise so that a puppy doesn't scare the cats or an older dog doesn't attack the crate. Keep either the dog or the cat confined and alternate them, so they can each become familiar with the sight and scent of each other, in the same room, but they can't make direct contact and each is safe and secure. As you go calmly about your normal business, the animals will gradually become more relaxed.

Once they relax in the same room with each other, with the crate between them, then you can begin allowing them in the same room with the crate door open. However, keep the dog or puppy on leash. Stay calm as nervousness will be picked up by the animals. Reward the dog in the presence of the cats and admonish if there is any desire to chase. Do not punish the dog as punishment can lead to transference, and the dog will associate the cat with the punishment and want it near even less. Lots of praise and rewards should lead to success in a reasonable length of time.

Understand that a dog that gets along with the household cat may still chase cats outside the yard. Most of that is the natural prey drive which dictates that animals will chase things that run. Thus the dog chases cars, kids on bicycles, skateboards and cats. Likewise cats chase mice, etc. You condition the pets behavior to tolerate each other. It doesn't then become a universal liking for cats. Too often dogs are turned into shelters with the information that they like cats. What they really meant was that they had a cat and the dog got along with THAT cat. A new adopter will take the dog home expecting it to immediately get along with the family cat, often with disastrous results. It is good to remember that anytime that animals are taken into a new environment, they need to have time to make an adjustment. This means that dogs and cats must be introduced to each other slowly, calmly and without physical threat to each other.

In my next column I will address some other common problems that arise with dogs and cats in the same household, such as how to deal with the litter box problem and how to keep dogs out of the cat food.▼

Pets Get to Be Top Dog at Gay/ Lesbian Hot Diggity Dog Day

Every, and we do mean every, dog will have its day at Tahoe Park this summer when hundreds of pampered pets and their owners gather on Saturday, July 12 for the first g/l/b/t "Hot Diggity Dog Day at the Park" from 9am to 3pm, with registration at 8:30am and amateur dog/mutt judging at 11am.

On this day, the average pooch will be dog-gone extraordinary as dogs compete in an amateur competition for prizes and their own 15 minutes of fame. The event is a fund-raiser for the Frontrunners Sacramento, a primarily gay and lesbian running and walking club that is raising money to send athletes to compete in track and field events at the Gay Games in Amsterdam next year.

"This will be a social day for the gay community to come out to the park and mix and mingle with other pet owners. It will be a special day for the dogs and owners alike," said Leon Fairly, Frontrunners President-elect. "We promise a great time people and pet watching and I encourage everyone to come by to check out the pets, owners, entertainment, music, food, fun, and raise money for Frontrunners.

Registration is $10 per dog and includes a free goodie bag full of samples, gifts and coupons donated by event sponsors. All registered dogs/owners are entered into a raffle for prizes including a weekend with mom and mom or dad and dad at the pet-friendly Edgewater Resort's "Pet Club Med Weekend II" scheduled for October 17, 18 and 19. The weekend includes either a RV or camping site at the five "triangle" resort located in Soda Bay on the shores of beautiful Clear Lake owned and operated by Sandra and Lora.

Rikki and Ben are looking forward to the gay pet day at Tahoe Park on July 12. Proud moms and Frontrunners Val Scott and Bee Bee Laguana will give them their 15 minutes of fame.

Registration also allows entry into any or all of the following competitions.

Competition Categories: Look-Like, Smallest Dog, Largest Dog, Funniest Looking Pet, All Dressed Up and Nowhere To Go, Bette Davis Eyes

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If you don't have a dog, but are thinking of adopting one, the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will have a Mobile Adoption Unit set up at the park.

To enter your pet, visit the Mom Guess What Newspaper office at 1725 L Street to pick up an entry form. If you would like a registration form mailed to you or to donate a raffle prize, call Frontrunners Vice President Katharine Holland, 451-3469. Dog trainers, pet supply stores, veterinarians, nonprofit organizations and other vendors are encouraged to purchase a booth at the fair by calling 451-3469.

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Phantom of the Opera Starts May 26

BRAD LITTLE as The Phantom and KIMILEE BRYANT as Christine in a scene from the third national touring production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

The Phantom of the Opera will begin a limited engagement at the Community Center Theatre Thursday, May 29.

Brad Little head the 36-member company as The Phantom, with Kimilee Bryant as the young soprano, Christine, and Jason Pebworth as Raoul. Also features will be Julie Schmidt as Carlotta Giudicelli, David Cryer as Monsieur Firmin, Richard Reardon as Monsieur Andre, Mary Setrakian as Madame Giry, Steven Stein-Grainger as Ubaldo Piangi and Diana Gonzalez as Meg.

Brad Little (The Phantom) recently joined the third national company after having appeared as Raoul in *The Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway. His other Broadway and National Tour credits include: *Cyrano The Musical*, playing the role of Captain De Castel Jaloux; *Fiddler on the Roof* with Topol; and the Lincoln Center production of *Anything Goes*, in which he understudied and played the role of Billy Crocker opposite Leslie Uggams. Little won international acclaim for his portrayals of Jesus in the European Tour of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and Tony in *West Side Story*. *South Pacific* (Lt. Cable) with Howard Keel at Atlanta's Theatre of the Stars; *Babes in Toyland* (Allen) with Eddie Bracken as the Toymaker at the Houston Grand Opera; *Phantom* (Eric "The Phantom") at Tennessee Rep. (not to be confused with *The Phantom of the Opera* here); 1776 (Thomas Jefferson) at Pennsylvania Center State; *Evita* (Che) in Carien, CT; and *The Robber Bridegroom* (Jamie Lockhart) at Bristol Riverside Theatre, PA.

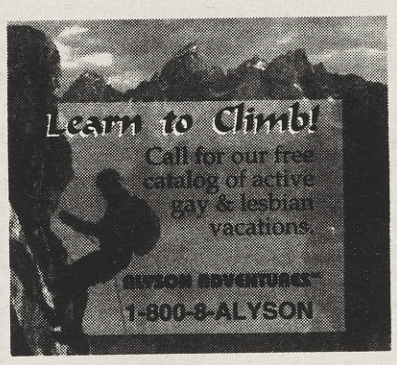
Kimilee Bryant (Christine Daae) recently returned from Basel, Switzerland where she sang Christine in *Phantom's* Swiss premiere She made her debut as Christine with the Broadway company of *Phantom*. NYC credits include Polly *(The Beggar's Opera)*, Bianca *(The Taming of the Shrew)*, and Phyllis *(Iolanthe)*. Other music theatre/opera credits include Frasquita *(Carmen)*, Gretel *(Hansel & Gretal)*, Maria *(West Side Story)*, Eliza *(My Fair Lady)*, Laurey *(Oklahoma!)*, and Julie *(Carousel)*. She was a talent winner in the 1989 Miss America Pageant.

Prior to joining *Phantom*, **Jason Pebworth** (Raoul, Vicomte de Chagny) was seen in *Evita* and in *South Pacific* starring Cathy Rigby at Casa Manana in Fort Worth, Texas and at North Shore Music Theatre in Boston. Jason's other credits include *Fiddler on the Roof, The Sound of Music, The Music Man,* and *Bye, Bye Birdie.*

One of the most successful musicals of all time, *The Phantom of the Opera* has broken box office records in London, on Broadway, in Los Angeles and Toronto. It was the winner of seven 1988 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, as well as every British theatre award, including the Olivier and Evening Standard Awards.

Based on the classic novel "The Phantom of the Opera" by Gaston Leroux, the musical tells the story of the hideously deformed Phantom who lurks beneath the stage at the Paris Opera, exercising a reign of terror over all its occupants. He falls instantly in love with the young soprano Christine, devoting himself to creating a new star for the Opera by nurturing her extraordinary talents by employing all the skills at his disposal.

The Phantom of the Opera will play Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8pm, Sunday evenings at 7:30pm, Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2pm, with additional Thursday matinee performances on June 5 and July 3 at 2pm. Tickets: Music Circus Broadway Series box office, Community Center Theater box office, and BASS outlets. Info: 557-1198.▼



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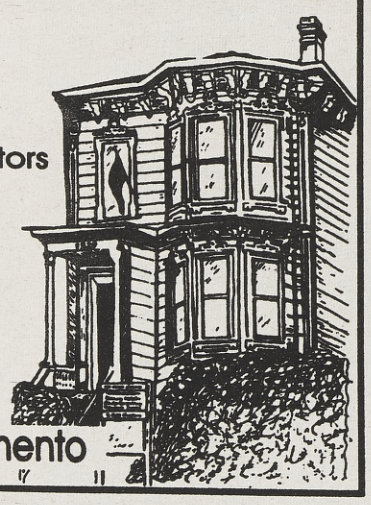

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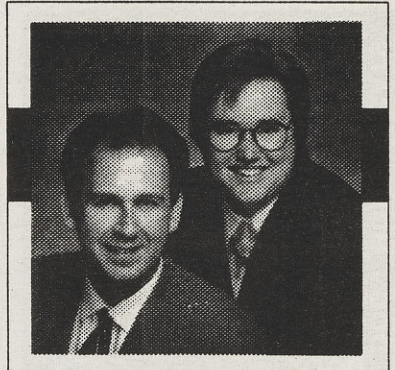
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MAJOR GAY LAW REFORM IN TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

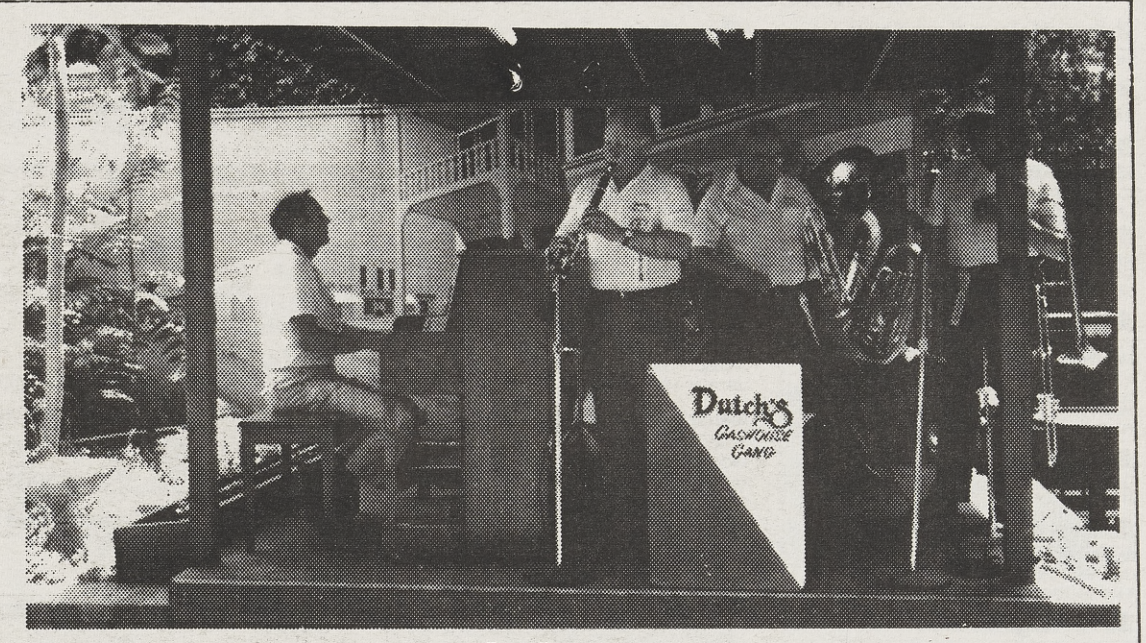
After nine years of community organizing to repeal Tasmania's anti-gay law, the Tasmanian legislature finalized a vote to repeal their anti-gay law yesterday, May 1, 1997. This decision marks not only the elimination of Australia's only remaining state law banning same sex relations, but it also marks Australia's compliance with the 1994 United Nations' ruling on this issue.

In April, 1994, the United Nations Human Rights Committee formally interpreted the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to protect the lesbian and gay citizens of Tasmania against discrimination as well to protect their privacy rights. The UN formally called on Australia to eliminate this law. The Australian federal government responded by passing national legislation protecting the sexual privacy of its citizens, but until now, the law in Tasmania remained on the books.

Nick Toonen, spokesperson for the Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group exclaimed, "A destructive criminal stigma has been lifted from the shoulders of gay and lesbian Tasmanians and hopefully Tasmania's reputation as a bastion of prejudice will also now begin to disappear."

In 1995, the UN Human Rights Committee reported to the United States government that its sodomy laws similarly violated its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

To join in other campaigns to repeal anti-gay laws, for a list of the world's countries with anti-gay laws, the Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group's press materials, or information regarding the UN's positions on gay issues, please the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission at (415) 255-8680.▼



Fun Galore at Jubilee 24

by Jim Jones
MGW/Staff

Sacramento's hotels/motels will be sold out the weekend of May 23-26th (Memorial Day Weekend). There will also be more than 800 RVs and Trailers parked at Cal-Expo for the weekend, and they have all come to town to "swing and sway" to music of the 24th annual Sacramento Jazz Jubilee.

You will find a style of music to fit "almost" everyone's taste, from the early 1900s traditional jazz, to ragtime, blues, western swing, zydeco and blues, and klezmer. There will also be gospel (which is where jazz got its start), and barbershop harmonies.

The music is not all bunched downtown into a couple of venues. In all, there are forty venues located in five regional areas of Sacramento where the music spills forth over the four day holiday weekend. Old Sacramento is still the center of music for those who enjoy the flavor of the area. Turntable Junction (in front of the Railroad Museum) is a rather large venue, as compared to the Old Eagle Theater or the Delta King Dock.

For badge information, call (916) 372-5277. Or, you can go to the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society's offices in West Sacramento at 2787 Del Monte Street (just off Harbor Boulevard).▼

Power, Progress and Pride in Humboldt County

The Northcoast Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Parade and Celebration Committee is projecting a record-breaking attendance at this year's annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade, scheduled for Sunday June 8, noon to 5pm on the Arcata Plaza. The theme of this year's celebration is "A Rainbow of Power, Progress, and Pride."

A pre-parade comedy benefit on Sunday June 1 will kick off the beginning of the event. the evening's entertainment includes lesbian comedian Shann Carr, gay comedian Mike Uryga and a number of local drag stars. The show will take place at Club West at the corner of 5th and G Streets, Eureka and is an 18 and over event. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at various local outlets.

The parade will begin at noon at Stewart Part on J Street between 15th and 16th and end on the Arcata Plaza in the center of downtown Arcata. Following the parade a celebration will be held on the Plaza. A full afternoon of entertaining featuring speakers, singers, musicians, information tables and vendors will be available. More than 20 vendors will be at this year's event offering an array of goods and services geared toward the gay and lesbian community. Everyone who supports the lesbian/gay/bi community or is interested in learning more is encouraged to join the celebration. For more information and to enter a float, call the Northcoast Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Alliance at (707) 445-9760.▼

Stevie Wonder's New C.D.

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ter Blaster (Jammin)" throw down as the afro anthem *"Living For The City,"* bring back yesteryear between the ear. The back-in-the-day sound resonates that early Motown beat loud and clear on such tracks as *"I Was Made to Love Her," "My Cherie Amour," "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours," "Hey Love," and "Uptight"* which rounds out the first disk. Okay, it's intermission. This far we've grooved through fifteen or so years on our mega-time trip, time now to groove through fifteen or so more as disk one ejects and disk two insects. The love gene shifts into high gear as *"Send One Your Love," "All I Do," "That Girl," "For Your Love,"* and *"You Will Know"* dim the lights I your heart, commanding emotional attention. but, don't fret you Wonder-Funkers, *"I Wish," "Boogie on Reggae Woman,"* and *"Higher Ground"* have been strategically inserted avoiding any funk withdrawals. the second rush of emotion once again takes the controls as *"These Three Words"* spring board *"Love Light in Flight"* which embraces the never before released single *"Stay Gold,"* putting a period on this chapter that is the never ending story in the Book of Life called....Stevie Wonder.▼

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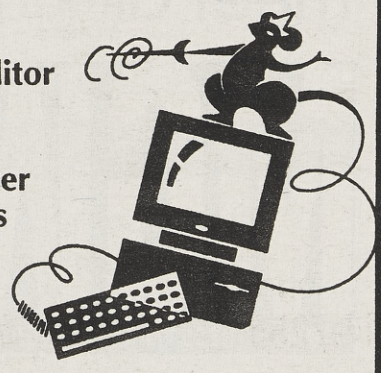

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"Conversation With Joani Blank", 8-10pm, 2504 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510/841-8987
SAC POLICE & SHERIFF'S MEMORIAL GROUNDS
10am, Del Paso Heights, 446-5716
NEVADA CITY WINERY OPEN HOUSE
321 Spring St., Nevada City, 265-9463
OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:
Geoffrey Gamble, 7pm, 910 21 St., 498-1004
RODEO BBQ & BEERBUST
5:30 - 10:30pm, Faces Sacramento
PAC. COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
17 & 18, 985-7239
SAC. CONVENTION CENTER EXTRAV-ORGAN-ZA
1pm, 1030 15th St., Suite 250, 264-5291
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199
TAKE ACTION FOLLOW-UP MEETING
10am - 12:30pm, 1231 I St., 264-8316

16 FRIDAY

BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY NO 1
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 922-0303
BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 73, 4pm
NAMES PROJECT QUILT DISPLAY
9am - 5pm, 233 Dobbins St., Vacaville, 707/446-6474
OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:
Dixon Stalward, 7pm, 910 21 St., 498-1004
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722
WILD WOMEN'S WEEKEND AT EDGEWATER RESORT
16 - 18, 6420 Soda Bay, Kelseyville, 707/279-0208

17 SATURDAY

ARMED FORCES DAY
"ALL CRITTERS GREAT & SMALL"
11am - 4pm, Witter Ranch Historic Farm, 875-6336
BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY NO 1
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 922-0303
BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10am
DAN BERN CONCERT
7:30 - 9:30pm, Gelato D'Oro Cafe, Main St., Placerville, 622-9549
BIKE RIDE FOR MS
17 & 18, 800/327-3922
LAURA BOWLY LIVE
7pm, Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 442-4657
LOUIS BOTTO MEMORIAL CONCERT
8pm, Mission Delores Basilica, 16th & Delores, S.F., 415/896-5866
CAR WASH '97 BENEFIT FOR FRANCIS HOUSE
12 - 4, Mercantile Saloon Lot
DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Hike/Picnic, 756-6436
G/L SIERRANS
Mt. St. Helena Hike, 421-6209
GOLD RIVER RACQUET CLUB FITNESS DAY
10 - 4. free, 2201 Gold Rush Dr., Gold River, 638-7001
GSAC
Coffee Klatch, 7:30 - 8pm, 925-6658
MASTER SINGERS GO TO THE MOVIES
Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., 965-SING
NAMES PROJECT SEWING BEE
10am - 2pm, Pioneer Church 2700 L. St., 484-4164

18 SUNDAY

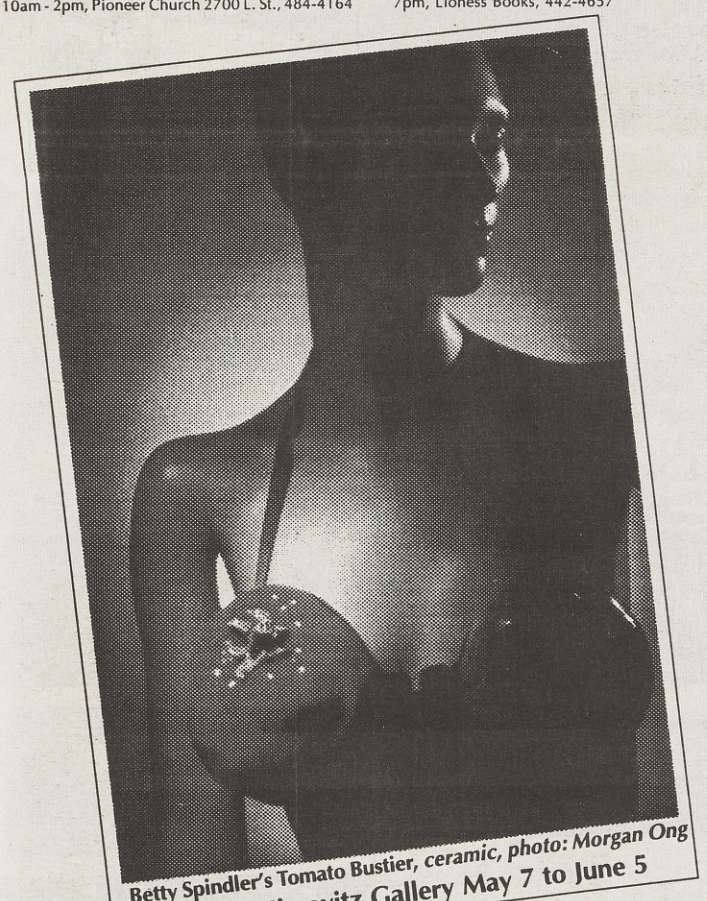
ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Cami Thompson with Si Perkoff, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD MEETING
753-6093
HIV/AIDS MINISTRY COMM. MASS
3pm, Immaculate Conception Church Broadway at 32nd St., 453-4753
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY
Stuart Canin, 3pm, Lincoln Theatre, Yountville, 707/22-MUSIC
SAGA GARDEN & YARD TOUR
453-1918

19 MONDAY

VICTORIA DAY (CANADA)
ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199
SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS
6:30pm, 424-4411

20 TUESDAY

ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Kim Nalley, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
CONSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE PRESENTS:
7:30pm, CRC's Jazz Ensemble, 8401 Center Parkway, 688-7234
HIV FIRING LINE
7 - 9pm, 4501 X St., 733-3829
NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY
8pm, First United Methodist Church, Napa,707/22-MUSIC
MASTER GARDENERS ORGANIC GARDENING LECTURE
4145 Branch Center Road, 875-6913
OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:
Poetry, 8pm, 910 21 St., 498-1004
PFLAG MEETING
7:30pm, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 771-3800
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722
SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE
7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847
"URBAN VOICES"
7pm, Lioness Books, 442-4657



Betty Spindler's Tomato Bustier, ceramic, photo: Morgan Ong
Michael Himovitz Gallery May 7 to June 5

21 WEDNESDAY

LAMBDA CENTER BOARD MEETING
BE THERE!!!! 6pm, 919 20th St., 442-0185
ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
HOTTER THAN SIX AUSTRALIAN JAZZ BAND
11:30amSac. Public Library 828 I St., 264-2770
LGBA MEETING
Carrows on 10th & S St., 863-9733
NAMES PROJECT STEERING MEETING
6:30pm, Pioneer Church 2700 L. St., 484-4164
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

22 THURSDAY

ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Dave Palmer Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 73, 10pm
CLOSE-UP PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS
7 - 9pm, 444-6080
FLAGS NIGHT OUT
Must confirm by May 20, 6pm, Luigi's Little Italy, 760 Lincoln Way, Auburn, 885-0843
OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:
Bonds Limited Seminar, 7pm, 910 21 St., 498-1004
STRAWBERRY SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL
22 - 26, Sonora, 209/533-0191
WOMEN IN BUSINESS SEMINAR
"Homebased", 7:30 - 9:30am, 1410 Ethan Way, 563-3210

23 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 73, 4pm
MELONNEE DESIREE LIVE
7 - 10, Starbuck's Town & Country
GSAC
Dinner Out, 387-5830
LESBIAN COUPLE COMMUNICATION
7 - 10pm, pre-register, 447-0353
GINA LIVINGSTON LIVE
Club Catalina, 2580 Fair Oaks Blvd, 979-1232
OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:
David Sullivan, 7pm, 910 21 St., 498-1004
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722

24 SATURDAY

AALA '97
24 - 26, "Spiritual Awakening", West Hollywood, 213-663-0594
BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 73, 10am
DINING OUT WITH BACW
681-0933
GAY PROM
14 - 24 Years Old, 8pm - 1am, Lambda Center 919 20th St., 442-0185
OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:
Jess Wells, 7pm, 910 21 St., 498-1004
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

25 SUNDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Brunch, 649-3043
INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER CONTEST
22 - 26, Chicago, 878-6360
PERSONAL WATCRAFT POKER RUN AT EDGEWATER RESORT
Lakeport Chamber of Commerce, 6420 Soda Bay, Kelseyville, 707/279-0208

26 MONDAY

MEMORIAL DAY
ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199
SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS
6:30pm, 424-4411

27 TUESDAY

ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Kim Nalley, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
DEBATE: DAN QUAYLE & MARIO CUOMO
752-1915
LAURA FINCH FLIGHT ENDS IN OAKLAND
Flying same path as Amelia Earhart
OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:
Poetry, 8pm, 910 21 St., 498-1004
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722
SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE
7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

28 WEDNESDAY

ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Dana Atherton Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION GALA
482-8290
HIV/AIDS MINISTRY COMMITTEE MASS
Immaculate Conception Church, 32 St., 453-4753
BACW PRESENTS PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ
8:30pm - 1:30am, 888 Brannan St., S.F., 415/495-5393
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199
WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP
7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

29 THURSDAY

ALTA PLAZA PRESENTS:
Dave Palmer Duo, 2301 Fillmore St., S.F., 922-1444
BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 73, 10pm
CIRCLE CONCERTS
12:05, Trinity Cathedral, 27th St., 447-3542
ENVISION 23: MIND STEW
ADAC, 29 -31, Radisson Hotel Sac., 731-8802
JEWELLE GOMEZ LIVE
Lioness Books 2224 J St., 442-4657

30 FRIDAY

BAY AREA GAY RODEO
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose, 415/985-5200
BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 73, 4pm
GLS
Dining Around, 7pm, 972-9230
HOPLAND WOMEN'S FESTIVAL
30 - June 1, S.F., must pre-register 707/523-9593
IGRA PERFORMANCE
San Jose, 415/985-5200
THE PALMS PRESENTS:
The Bobs, 8:30pm, 726 Drummond, Davis
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 6pm, 456-2722
SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
8pm, State Theatre 1307 J. St., 209/527-0776

31 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY
Channel 73, 10am
GSAC
Whole family picnic, Howe Ave park, 723-8644
GINA LIVINGSTON LIVE
Kats Coffee, 3291 Truxel Rd. #8, 641-8753
SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER
8pm, State Theatre 1307 J St., Modesto, 209/527-0776

JUNE

1 SUNDAY

ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD MEETING
753-6093
DAVIS LESBIGAY DAY
11 - 4pm, Central Park, 5 & B St., Davis, 753-8283
DYKES OUT TOGETHER
Hike near Colfax, 649-3043
G/L SIERRANS
Calaveras Big Trees Hike, 421-6209

2 MONDAY

AIDS LOBBY DAY
State Capitol Building, 444-0424
SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS
CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199
SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS
6:30pm, 424-4411

3 TUESDAY

SAC. CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:
Poetry, 8pm, 910 21 St., 498-1004
SAC. CITY COLLEGE G/L STUDENT ALLIANCE
3835 Freeport Blvd. Room A-7, 12pm, 456-2722
SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE
7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

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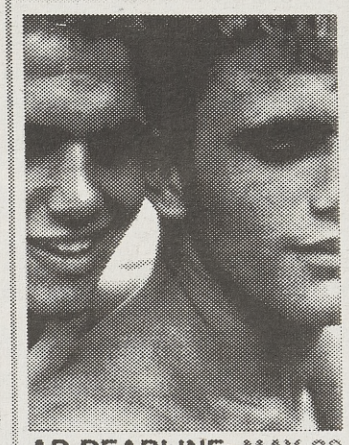

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FAIR OAKS OPERA, ***The Beggar's Opera*, June 20 - July 27, 966-3683**

GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE, ***A Day In Hollywood, A Night In The Ukraine*, May 16 - Jul. 6, *Murder Among Friends*, Jul. 11 - Sep. 14, *Forever Plaid*, Sept. 19 - Nov 23, *The 1940's Radio Hour*, Nov. 28 - Jan 11, 1998, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361**

THE GEERY THEATRE, ***Sainte-Carmen Of The Main*, thru May 31, 2130 L St., 491-1062**

JOSIE'S CABARET & JUICE JOINT, ***The Two-Bit Tango*, June 4 - 29, 3583 16th St., S.F., 415/861-7933**

STEPHEN PELTON DANCE THEATER, ***America Songbook*, May 30 & 31, 415/241-0111**

RIVER STAGE, ***A Midsummer Night's Dream*, thru May 18; *Fresh Off The Boat*, Jul. 10 - 27; Consumes River College, 688-7364**

SACRAMENTO CITY ACTORS THEATRE, ***Arms And The Man*, thru May 17; *Dancing At Lughnasa*, thru May 11, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228**

SACRAMENTO REPERTORY THEATRE, ***The Wiz*, thru May 24; *One Act Festival* May 29-31; *Hunter* Jun 20-Jul 26, 5101 Lawrence Dr., 457-8827.**

SACRAMENTO LIGHT OPERA ASSOCIATION, ***The Phantom Of The Opera*, Jun. 17 - 22; *Will Rogers Follies*, Jul. 7 - 13; *The Desert Song*, Jul. 14 - 20; *Can-Can*, Jul. 21 - 27; *Oliver!*, Jul. 28 - Aug. 3; *Damn Yankees*, Aug. 4 - 10; *My Fair Lady*, Aug 11 - 17; *Oklahoma!*, Aug. 18 - 24, Music Circus 1419 H St., 557-1999.**

SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY, ***Orphans*, thru Jun. 8 at Stage Two; *Burning Patience*, May. 13 - Jun. 8 at McClatchy Mainstage. 443-6722**

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK, **Summer 1997, San Francisco, 800/978-PLAY**

THEATRE ON THE SQUARE, ***Freak* starring John Leguizamo, May 17 - June 1, 450 Post St. Floor 2, S.F., 415/433-9500**

THEATRE RHINOCEROS, ***Up Jumped Springtime*, thru June 22, 2926 16 St., S.F., 415/861-5079**

THE THISTLE DEW THEATRE, ***Steel Magnolias*, thru May 24, 1901 P St., 443-5952**

WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE, ***The Sisters Rosenweig*, June 6 - 28, *Tintypes*, Sept 5 - 27; *Little Mary Sunshine*, Oct 10 - 19, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Nov 7 - 29; *The Best Christmas Pagent Ever*, Dec. 12 - 21, *Steel Magnolias*, Jan. 30 - Feb. 21, 1998; *West Side Story*, Mar. 20 - Apr. 11, 1998; *The Sensuous Senator*, May 15 - Jun. 6, 1998, 666-9618**

ART GALLERIES

BIG ART, *Joy* Kathy Fenker, *Sinner* Jeff Ringer thru June 6, Six on Six: Black On White, June 11 - July 4, 1928 L St., 446-2740

RIDGE GALLERY, Out, Loud & Proud, May 28 - July 8, 689 Bryant St. S.F., 415/267-1866

CALIF. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, John Martin: *Vision of the Biblical Flood* thru Aug. 3, *Roy Lichtenstein Prints/Anderson Collection*, May 31 - Oct. 19; *Nathan Oliveira Monotypes*, Jun. 14, *Artists Prints, Crown Prints Press*, Oct. 4 - Jan 4, 1998; 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART, *Retrospect of Laureen Landau*, thru Jun. 14; New Work by Nadada, Sept. 13 - Oct. 11, 1516 Del Paso Blvd., 444-9624

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, *"The Middle Path: Buddhist Sculpture"*, thru May 18; *"Netsuke! Form and Fashion from Edo Japan"*, thru July 6; *Rodin Sculptures*, First week of May, 216 O St., 264-5423.

DARKROOM GALLERY, Signs Of Life, thru May 30, 708 57 St., 454-4906

DE YOUNG MUSEUM, *"If The Shoe Fits"*, thru Jul. 13; *"Life and Afterlife in Ancient Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico"*, Rafael Larco Herrera, May - Aug.; *Youth Arts Festival*, May 7 - 11; *Jeffrey Appleby Collection of Andean Textiles*, Jun. 21 - Aug. 10, *"Art Of The Americas: Identity Crisis"*, Jul. 26 - Nov. 16; *"Masters Of Light: Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age"*, Sep. 13 - Nov 30; *Morgan Flagg Collection*, Oct. 18 - Jan. *1998*: *"Art Of The Americas: Art and Ethnography"*, Dec 6 - Mar. 1998; *Treasures of the Tervuren Museum*, Feb. 21, 1998 - Apr. 31, 1998; *John Stuart Curry: "Invading the Middle West"*, Jun 13, 1998 - Aug. 30, 1998; *"The Wealth of the Thracians"*, Aug. 8, 1998 - Oct. 11, 1998, 75 Tea Garden Dr. S.F., 415/750-3614

SOLOMON DUBNICK GALLERY, David Gilhooly: *"This Is Bizarro World"*,Paul Di Pasqua, *"Tales From The Crib"* thru May 31; Ceramics by Tony Natsoulas, Paintings & Ceramics by Maija Peeples, Jun. 4 - 28; Introductions 1997, Jul 3 - Aug. 2; *California Landscape"*:Paintings by Alan Post, Craig Smith & Larry Welden, Aug 8 - 31; Don Reich Retrospective, Sept 3 - 29; Print Drawing & Sculpture by Cecilia Calmes; New Works by Gary Pruner, Nov. 6 - 29, 1997, New Works by Irving Marcus, Jan. 8 - 31, 1998; New works by Jack Ogden, Feb. 4 - 28, 1998, 2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547

GALERIA DE LA RAZA, *UFW/Strawberry Fields Exhibition (title TBD)*, thru Jan. 14; *Isis Rodriguez: "My Life As A Comic Stripper"*, Jun 24 - Aug. 9, *Alex Donis: "My Cathedral"*, Aug. 19 - Sept. 27; *"Dia de los Muertos"*, Oct. 7 - Nov. 8; *"Bazaar Navideno"*, Nov. - Dec. 24, Studio 24 2857 24th St., S.F., 425/826-8009

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GALLERY Q, 1808 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7090

MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, *Breast Art: Empowerment after Mastectomy*, thru June 6, 1020 10th St., 448-8723

MATRIX GALLERY, Karen Balder, thru June 6, 1518 Del Paso Blvd., 923-9118

RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY & FINE ARTS COLLECTION, Fred Wilson (Tableaus), thru May 16; Annual Master of Fine Arts Exhibitions, May 30-June 27, 124-125 Art Building U.C. Davis, 752-8500

THOMAS A. OLDHAM GALLERY, *Alderbrook* by Lynn Smith, *Ode to a Consonant* by D. L. Thomas, 1729 L St., 444-9624

THE OPEN BOOK, Lawrence Moorman, thru May 31, 910 21St., 498-1004

QUICKSILVER MINE CO., Jean Mooney Exhibit, thru June 29, 154 N. Main St. Sebastopol, 707/829-2416

SHENANDOAH GALLERY, Phyllis D. Earls, May 16 - July 15, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209/245-4455

STILL LIFE GALLERY & GIFTS, Julie Higgins & Audi Stanton, thru June 14, 2231 "J" St., 446-6786

UNIVERSITY UNION EXHIBITS, Student Purchase Awards Show, thru May 22, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6595

VIEWPOINT GALLERY, Mary Koga, May 16 - June 30, 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

MASTER CALENDAR

Wigstock West, S.F., 415/273-5979, May 23 - 26
Davis LesBiGay Day, **753-8283, Jun. 1**
CAP PAC Annual Dinner, **736-2722, Jun. 7**
Lambda Freedom Fair, **442-0185, Jun. 14**
Sac. Men's Chorus Pride Concert, **484-5789, Jun. 14**
Gay Freedom Day Parade, S.F., **415/864-FREE, Jun. 28 - 29**
Gay Freedom Day Celebration, L.A., **213/860-0701, Jun. 21 & 22**
UFMCC General Conference, **Sydney, Australia, Jul. 20 - 25**
California State Fair, 263-3000, **Aug 15 - Sep. 1**
Rainbow Festival Street Fair, **448-7798, Aug. 31**
Sacramento Capital AIDS Walk, **448-2437, Sep. 21**
Folsom Street Fair, S.F., **415/861-3247, Sep. 28**
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Women's Fishing Club forming, Kim, 454-2896 tfn

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Quiet street, character, 2 bdrms., big closets, hardwood flrs, laundry hook-ups, garage, french doors, trellised deck, big yard (perfect for pets). Avail. Mem. Wknd.$675 451-1769 x5/15

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Charming 2Bdrm/1 Ba, new paint, and carpet, inside laundry, 3740 3rd Av., $550/mo., 443-7307. x5/15

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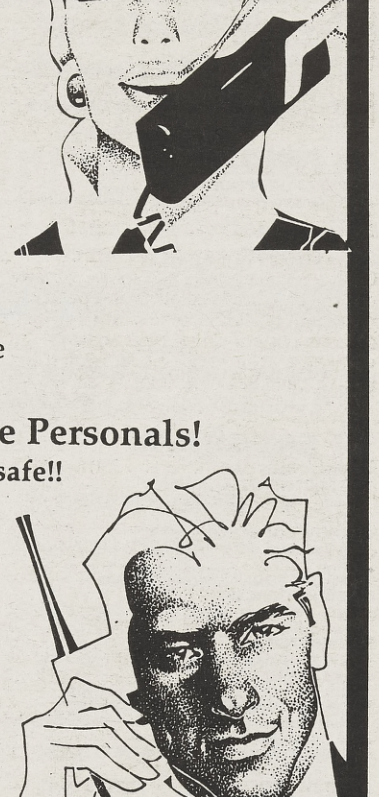

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Friends First
GWM, 5'2", brown Hair, Hazel-blue eyes, 140 lbs. Looking for friends first, then relationship later, tired of being alone. Please call the number and I will call you back as soon as I can. 6/5 #1753

A Little Leather
A lot of love, GWM, AIDS, widowed daddy, 46, 5'10" blond/hazel, healthy HIV+, smoker, laid back, dominant, ISO submissive, domesticated, healthy HIV+, GW/GH, self supporting pup, who knows his place. Ht/Wt proportionate, LTR possible. ND/LA. 5/15 # 1738

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Experienced Top
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Friends First
Just moved to area, don't know anyone. 40ish, 6', brown, green, large mustache, super clean, not a doz. Live by McKinley Park. Have small dog, meet in park, talk first. 5/15 #1744

Satisfy Me
GHM, 40, 5'8", Medium build, short salt/pepper hair, WLTM GWM, 30-50, under 6', slim. Like to receive french and Greek, no beards, your place mid-town Sacto, reg. encounters, poss. relationship. 5/15 # 1739

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GWM looking for a special person to be around and spend time with, friend first, then possible relationship; brown hair, blue eyes, with noustache and small beard, please call and let us meet, soon. 6/1 # 1757

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Vacaville Adventure
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GWM 60, Rancher type, hairy chest, top, likes outdoors, gardening, birds, animals, kids, fishing, RVing, coast & mountains. Not into bars. Seek NS, ND, HIV-, 28-90 parallel mate; slim/skinny older man a turn on. 6/19 #1758

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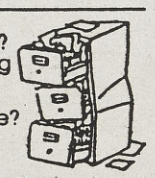

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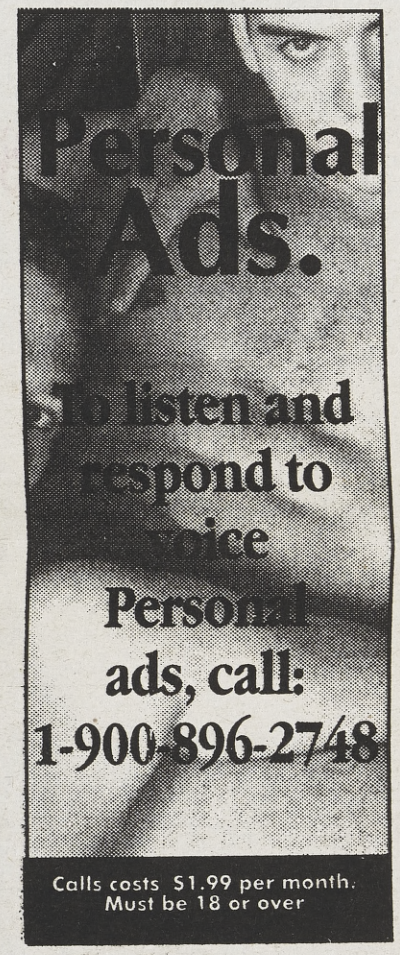

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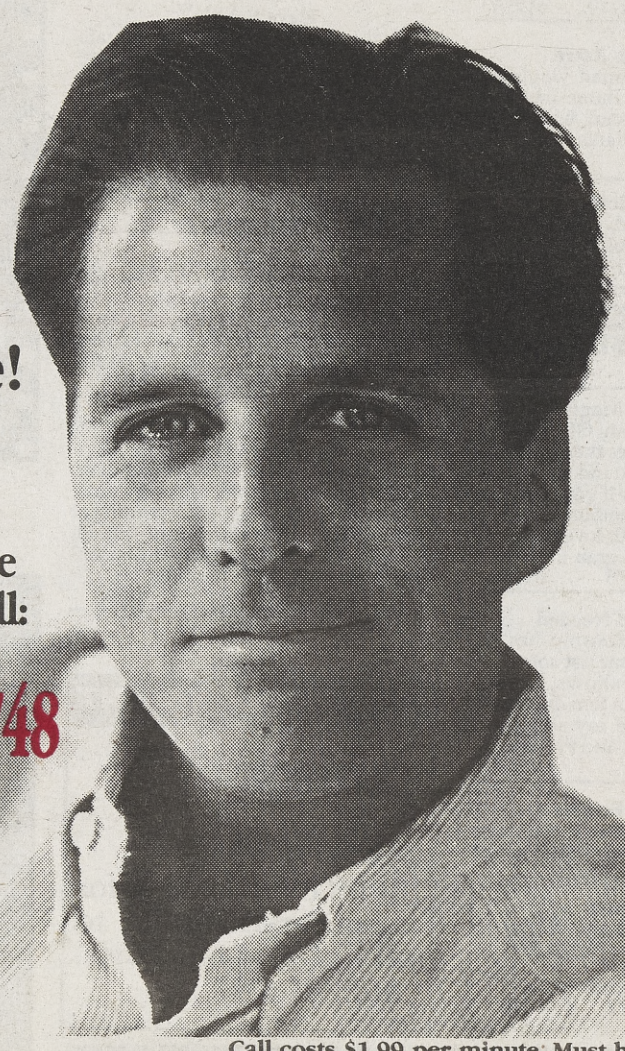

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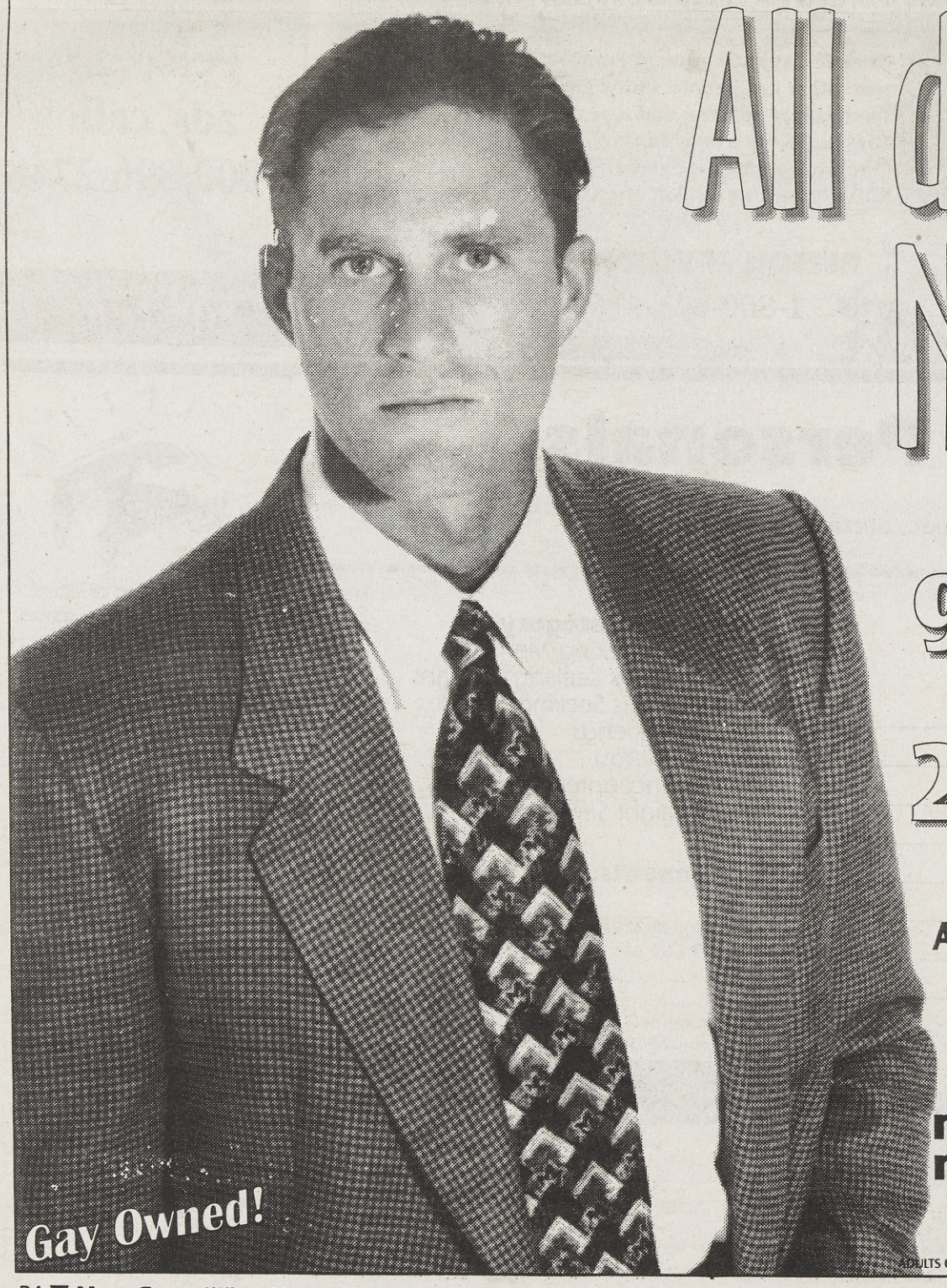

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